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## First, Hattiesburg sponsors "Run For World Hunger"

First Church, Hattiesburg, is sponsoring a "Run for World Hunger," Sat., Oct. 12. Conceived and developed by the recreation committee of the church, the run is scheduled to become an annual event and will coincide with the Southern Baptist Convention's emphasis on world hunger.

The run will feature two categories. The first, a 10,000 meter (6.2 miles) is open to those who run/jog on a regular basis. Entry fees for this category are \$7.00 for those who pre-register or \$8.00 on the day of the race. The second is a two-mile "fun run/walk" for those who would like to participate in a worthwhile cause. Entry fees in this area are \$6.00 pre-registration or \$7.00 on the day of the race. Both runs will begin and end at the church.

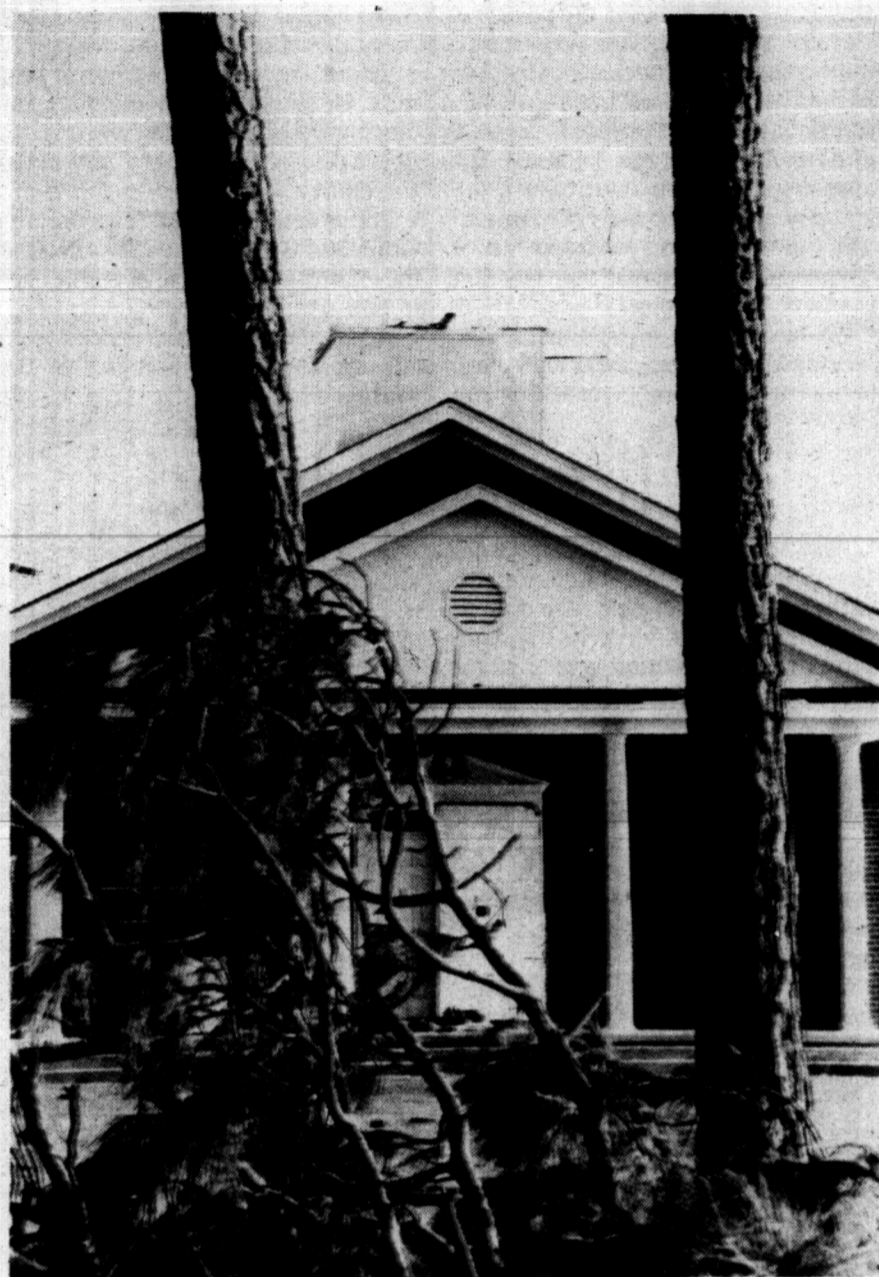
Four local businesses (Citizens Bank, Ward's, Forrest General Sports Medicine Clinic and the Office Supply Company) are underwriting all expenses for the event, allowing all entry fees to go directly to the problem of hunger. Proceeds will be apportioned between two established programs—90 percent to the world hunger fund of the Southern Baptist Convention and 10 percent to Breadbasket, a locally cooperative inter-denominational food program.

As sponsor of the run, First Church is hoping that people from all walks of life who enjoy running for their own health's sake will now decide to run for the health of others. Pastor Peter McLeod, says of the event, "with such a proven need, how can anyone say 'no' or do nothing when given a concrete method of helping to alleviate that need? Through the convention's world hunger program, we know that the food gets to the people who need it. It crosses all racial, religious and political boundaries in its distribution and those who work with the program are often able to go where even government officials cannot go. The food does not sit on port docks spoiling because of inadequate transportation or political maneuverings.

"Breadbasket is a proven program in our community. It has shown its effectiveness time and time again. I personally believe that it is a graphic demonstration of what the body of Christ should be—believers from many denominations working together in the name of Christ. I'm personally excited about the ongoing opportunity we have for allowing people from every walk of life to combine physical health with meeting human need. It's this kind of creativity and programming that we need to see more often," according to Lila McLeod.

The run also coincides with the first "Good Life Down South Festival" sponsored by the Hattiesburg Chamber of Commerce. Many area businesses and schools will be participating in this spotlight on their city, allowing run participants to take advantage of a full weekend of activities.

For entry information, contact First Baptist Church, 510 West Pine, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39401 or call (601) 544-0100.



*Storm steals steeple*

Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, was one of a number of churches which lost their steeple. (Photo by Tim Nicholas)

## Nation will honor Bible translators

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP)—Americans will remember Bible translators on Bible Translation Day, Sept. 30. This unique national remembrance has been noted Sept. 30 every year since President Lyndon B. Johnson first decreed it in 1966, following a resolution of the Congress.

That year also saw the 150th anniversary of the founding of the American Bible Society. ABS and its partner Bible Societies around the world are currently funding and giving professional help to the translation of God's Word into 562 languages. Two-thirds of these involve languages in which at least some part of the Bible is being worked on for the very first time. More than 3,000 translators are involved in this program.

Experts estimate the number of the world's languages and distinct dialects at over 5,000. The profusion of languages within relatively small areas can be daunting; more than 800 languages are spoken in Indonesia alone, over 400 in Nigeria.

## Children aided

RECIFE, Brazil—Some 150,000 children in the Brazilian city of Recife are too poor to go to school. But Baptists make education possible for at least 1,000 each year. The Baptist Friendship House is aiding 1,300 children from poverty-stricken families this year.

## Elevated baptistry in Guadeloupe gets attention

By Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr.

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe (BP)—A raised baptistry at the Baptist church in Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, has captured attention for the congregation.

Wayne Frederick, a Mississippi native and Southern Baptist missionary who is pastor, said "We have a first of its kind, a baptism pool elevated inside the church."

It is located in a building where Louisiana Baptist volunteers helped with construction. Frederick said most churches either build a baptismal pool outside the church or in the floor.

The church also is unique for the French West Indies because it has a

fellowship hall with a kitchen, cabinets, sink and stove.

Louisiana Baptist volunteers were requested to assist with enlarging facilities because of the church's growth. Maynard Hazelwood, project leader from First Baptist Church, Zachary, and a crew spent time there early this year.

The crew worked in spite of a strike protesting a gasoline tax increase which inhibited travel to the job, an earthquake which caused the steel structure to sway, and extended national holidays which delayed the work.

Frederick said the facilities set a new trend in church design and has

provided them space for the increased membership. "In the past four years we have grown from about four members to Sunday School attendance of approximately 120. We have baptized about 90 persons in that time," Frederick said.

Now the church has shared some members who are helping to start a mission at Morne-a-l'Eau where David Murray, a Louisiana missionary is pastor.

In addition to being pastor of the church and field evangelist with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Frederick is literature coordinator for the Baptist Mission. A bookstore is located in the church's building and he has started a book

deposit program among other Baptist churches on the island.

The church has been saving for more than four years to upgrade their facilities. "We saved about 80,000 francs and borrowed additional money to do the work." The church's budget is 66,000 francs this year (about \$7,400 depending on the exchange rate).

Future projects include developing members to become deacons, preparing them to support a national pastor, remodeling the front of the church to include a foyer and steeple so it will be known as a church rather than a house, and helping the people grow in their spiritual maturity.

Frederick said he has seen response

to the Christian gospel grow in recent years much greater than previously.

"Ministry is difficult because of a French mentality that is basic materialism. But in the Pointe-a-Pitre church we have had approximately 40 people make decisions in the past five months, something unheard of six years ago," he said.

Louisiana Baptists were invited to become a partner with the French West Indies islands because of the French language heritage. Programs of church construction, developing Sunday School leadership programs, family life emphasis and evangelism projects were begun in 1983.

Hoffmeyer directs public relations for Louisiana Baptists.

# Editorials..... by don mcgregor

## Pride in our missionaries

Southern Baptists, and particularly Mississippi Baptists, have just reason to be proud of our missionaries. There are more than 7,000 of them serving throughout the United States and around the world.

Everyone of them is serving with distinction and enriching the lives of those about them as they introduce those people to the Savior and the Kingdom of God. Mississippi has its share of missionaries in these worldwide forces that are supported by Southern Baptists through their Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board.

In looking at the accomplishments of missionaries, however, we surely can be pardoned when we point with pride to a Mississippi missionary to the Philippines, Harold Watson.

Watson, who has been a missionary since 1964, was ordained by Immanuel Church, Starkville, in 1958. As readers will have noted in the Aug. 29 issue of the Baptist Record, Watson has been awarded Ramon Magsaysay Award. This is to be compared, observers tell us, to a Nobel Prize.

Watson is one of only a very few non-Asians who have been awarded the prize, which includes a \$20,000 cash benefit. To refresh the memories of readers, Watson is an agricultural missionary and received his award for his development of a procedure for growing crops on sloping hillsides. His program is called Sloping Agricultural Land Technology, and every year more than 6,000 people from throughout Asia travel to the Mindanao Baptist Rural Life Center to see his model farm. Briefly stated, his procedure is to use soil erosion for the benefit of the farmers rather than let it be a problem by planting thick

hedgerows and letting the erosion build level areas between the hedgerows.

Watson came from a farm family that lived near Hattiesburg.

Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists can, indeed, be proud of Harold Watson. There are many, many other missionaries serving just as nobly who have not had the opportunity of being granted such a prestigious prize. For instance, the missionaries in Lebanon are to be applauded greatly for their determination to stay and witness in a dangerous area because they feel that is where they belong.

We have home missionaries also serving in dangerous areas right here in the United States because they feel

that where they are is where they belong.

Missions is missions wherever the endeavor is to be found. It is witnessing to the lost by whatever means proves effective, such as teaching them how to provide for themselves through terraced hillside farming. It is witnessing to the lost wherever they may be found, which includes the neighborhood of the church; and, indeed, this is the primary mission of the church.

In this season of state missions, the emphasis is on the neighborhood of the church and planting new churches in new neighborhoods.

We must be diligent as we carry out our mandate of witnessing to the world.

## A life well-lived

The Baptist Record of last week presented a beautiful obituary on my father, M. T. McGregor, who died on Sept. 6. It was written by Anne McWilliams, assistant editor of the Baptist Record, though no byline appeared.

I have been out of the office for two weeks during his brief illness and death and the trip back to Waco, Texas, for burial. While I realize it is taking advantage of my position, I feel it incumbent to seek to add a tribute to him in addition to what has been written already.

I was four years old when he surrendered to preach at age 27; and I can remember a life of quiet determination to get the job done, whatever it might be, whether it was struggling to obtain a college degree while helping to support his family, serving as pastor of small churches in West Texas among farmers on one side of San Angelo and among ranchers on the other, being a chaplain during World War II, or serving 22 years as director of missions in the Hope Association of southwest Arkansas until retirement in 1970.

His was always a ministry of effectiveness and integrity. It was never flashy nor loud. It was continual application of the principles which he felt were right, regardless of what circumstances faced him.

He would never have called that courage. To him it was simply doing what he felt needed to be done. Yet there were times when the continuation of his planned direction called for courage.

And while he found it necessary to exhibit courage from time to time, his ministry was more one of continual encouragement to others. As a pastor this was true concerning the members of the churches. As an Army chaplain and as a director of missions it was particularly true as he ministered to soldiers facing combat and to pastors of small struggling churches.

His Army ministry was always one of impending crisis, for he first served on a transport ship taking troops into battle zones and later in the staging area as the invasion forces left England for the coast of France.

Perhaps he found his greatest service as a director of missions, and that is how he was remembered at the graveside service in Waco. Glenn Hilburn, chairman of the Department of Religion at Baylor University in Waco, once served a small church in his association; and he delivered the message at that service. Jack Gullledge, now the editor of Mature Living, a publication of the Sunday School Board, was also one of those pastors; and that's how he remembered my father as he called me on Sept. 9.

Bill Agee, pastor of First Church, Hearne, Texas, who also attended the graveside service, was another of those pastors whose lives were touched. Jack Herring, professor of English at Baylor, remembers how my father, who was still in the Army, helped him obtain a discharge following the war so that he could continue his education in order to prepare himself for teaching. He has just returned from a year's assignment teaching English in a university in mainland China. He attended the service.

Sam Mason, pastor of Raymond Church in Raymond, in his message at the funeral service at the church, told how my father, after retirement, had touched his life in a ministry of encouragement.

It was the same in my own life. There were never any preachments about how I should try to do better or whatnot. In whatever I decided to try to do, however, which in many cases was more than I had reason to believe I could accomplish, he was always on hand with encouragement and assistance when it was needed. And while because of my positions as editor of two state papers and associate editor of a third my name may be remembered by more people than will his, I have to feel that he was much better at doing what he did than I am at what I am doing.

So his was a well-lived life. He spent 83 years on earth and survived my mother by six years. He spent the last five of those years among family members in Mississippi, though he was a native Texan and served in Arkansas. He enjoyed the fellowship of his grandchildren and great grand-

children. He made the most of his many years, both in active service and in retirement; and surely a crown was awaiting him.

All three of his grandchildren were at the funeral service in Raymond and at the graveside service in Waco, though two had to come from Dallas to Raymond and one had to go from

Starkville to Waco. His family treasured him.

And the family has received scores of messages of sympathy in the forms of cards, letters, telephone calls, flowers, fruit baskets, and food. We deeply appreciate every such expression and appreciate deeply also the graciousness of those who sent them.

## Texas Baptists help Australian Crusade

DALLAS (BP)—About 925 decisions for Christ were reported in a partnership crusade involving more than 400 Texas Baptist volunteers in Australia in August.

Also serving in the evangelistic partnership in 65 churches of Sydney, New South Wales, were Baptists from several other state conventions and Southern Baptist foreign missionaries from the Philippines.

"My heart is moved to hear of the literally hundreds of people coming to know Christ," said G. Norman Chambers, superintendent of home ministries and chief executive officer of the Baptist Union of New South Wales.

"New visions have come into focus, and pastors and churches have been encouraged," he added.

There are about 55,000 Baptists in some 700 churches in Australia, which equals the United States in land area and has about 15 million people, slightly fewer than Texas. A 1980 survey indicated less than 19 percent of Australians attend church weekly.

In Sydney, Texans shared their faith at ladies' meetings and men's breakfasts, in service club meetings, children's groups, public schools, home Bible studies and worship services, according to Bill Gray, coordinator of Partnership Missions for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

A member of Minto Church, Sydney, said, "The Texas team taught us new words. We learned the meaning of revival. It was a week of crying and a time for wounds to be healed. We

praise God for what he did in our church," she said.

Gray said, "Through the two partnerships thus far, the Lord has opened doors to still broader avenues of service and means of helping Australia Baptists multiply and strengthen Baptist work."

"We have been able to break down the pre-conceived ideas as to who we are and what we are and have been able to join as brothers in Christ to extend the kingdom of God in Australia."

## Historic village donated to Baylor

WACO, Texas (BP)—An historic village which is on the site of the oldest permanent Anglo settlement in Texas has been donated to Baylor University by the Bill Daniel family of Liberty, Texas.

The village is on Danie's ranch about 50 miles northeast of Houston. It will be moved to Baylor's Waco campus where it will become a public museum.

About 15 buildings from the village will become part of Baylor's Strecker Museum. The village will be named for the Daniels.

The buildings have been restored and contain as estimated 6,000 artifacts. Buildings include a town hall which also is used as a church, a two-story hotel, a one-room schoolhouse, a missionary (old general store and U.S. post office), and a blacksmith shop and harness house.

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ALL THE DAYS OF EACH YEAR



## Baptist damage high

# Insurance adjusters busy on Gulf Coast

By Tim Nicholas

Insurance adjusters have been popular figures on the Mississippi Gulf Coast these past weeks. Baptist churches have lined up along with hundreds of businesses and homes to have estimates of damages determined following the ravages of Hurricane Elena on Labor Day.

Damages to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly had not yet been fully counted and the estimator was to return to spend more than a day with the staff. (See separate story.)

And J. Ralph Noonkester said that the \$1.5 million estimate in damages to William Carey's coast campus was accurate with most of the damages relating to the contractor's losses by the destruction of the new dormitories and about \$200,000 in damages to the existing buildings.

Many churches as yet have no firm figures concerning damages which ranged from light water damage to structural problems.

Ingalls Avenue Church estimates \$144,000 in damages due to holes in the roof and water damage. Midway Church pastor Charlie Watts said no estimates had been made but that the church had no insurance to cover damages to the roof of the education building.

Griffin Street Church, which had a back wall blown out, apparently was more fortunate than it looked. Neron Smith, church building consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, noted that there was no structural damage and that the wall simply needed to be replaced. There was water damage, though.

First Church, Gautier, which lost a large piece of the sanctuary roof, the roof of the gym and the gym floor, has not been able to meet in the sanctuary the past two Sundays. Pastor Billy Williams said the members have been meeting in a nearby school, because of splintered beams in the sanctuary, but that attendance has been good, nevertheless. He said the rough estimate of damages is over \$200,000. Damages following Hurricane Frederic in 1979 totaled \$120,000. Williams told his congregation that the bad news is that the buildings were badly damaged. He said the good news is . . . and he quoted from the Phillips translation of II Cor. 4:8-9 where Paul writes "We are handicapped . . ."

No detailed estimates for replacing the three seamen's centers along the coast were available, but the Bayou

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Bob Storie and Roger Dorsett, staffers of the Jackson County Baptist Association, stand on what was once the seaman's center at Bayou Casotte. Now only a floor remains where a triple-wide trailer stood.

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## At First, Oxford

# Pollard, Ward to speak at state BSU convention

The annual Mississippi Baptist Student Union Convention, Sept. 27-29 at First Church, Oxford, will feature Frank Pollard and Ted Ward as keynote speakers.

Pollard is president of Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., and former pastor of First Church, Jackson, Miss. Ward is dean of international studies and programs for Trinity Evangelical Divinity School at Deerfield, Ill.

Musicians for the weekend meeting of students from the 27 Mississippi campuses involved in BSU will be Mack and Shayla Blake, musicians from Ruston, La.

Pollard will speak to the students Friday evening, Saturday morning, and will be closing speaker Sunday morning. And he will lead conference sessions concerning "God's Will For Your Vocation."

Ward will be the Saturday evening

student missions night speaker talking on the topic "Your Future in a Great Big Small World."

Others on the program include



Pollard

Ward

theme interpretation by the BSU Players from Mississippi University for Women; and special music from

the Reasons of Gulf Coast Junior College and from Sounds of Joy of Northeast Mississippi Junior College.

Other conference sessions from which students can choose three to attend on Saturday include introduction to Masterlife, Patterns for Discipleship, Ethical Issues in the 80s, Steps in Choosing a Career, Time Management, Conflict Management, Choosing a Marriage Partner, Exploring a Seminary Education, Stress Management, Leading Bible Study Groups, Physical Fitness, Money Management, Finding My Place in the Local Church, Quiet Time Helps, How and When to Pray, Student Mission Journeyman, US-2, Mission Service

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## HMB committee named to study ordination

By Jim Newton

ATLANTA (BP)—A nine-member study committee has been appointed to develop guidelines concerning ordination of missionaries for the Southern Baptist Home Mission

Board, members of the board's executive committee were told.

Travis Wiginton, pastor of Bethel Church, Norman, Okla., and the board's chairman, announced appointment of the committee. Last month, the full board voted to ask its chairman to appoint the committee, but membership of the group was not announced at that time.

Wiginton asked for board members, and all Southern Baptists, to pray for the committee as it begins its study and meets for the first time Oct. 8.

Wiginton said in appointing the committee he sought to maintain balance both in geographical representation and "in other ways."

Appointed to the committee were Johnny Jackson, pastor of Forest Highlands Church, Little Rock, Ark.; Robert Latham, pastor of Northside Church, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lawanna McIver, an ACTS television personality and homemaker from Dallas;

T. L. McSwain, pastor of Hurstborne Church, Louisville, Ky.; Marvin Prude, retired president of Sunnyland Refining Co., Birmingham, Ala.; M. O. Owens Jr., pastor of an English-speaking Baptist Church in Belgium and former pastor from Gastonia, N.C.;

Austin Tucker, pastor of Shreve City Church, Shreveport, La.; Lula D. Walker, housewife and local church Woman's Missionary Union director from Beaverton, Ore., and Wiginton,

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## August gifts drop; 1985 total increases

August gifts to the Cooperative Program in Mississippi Baptist churches totaled \$1,467,099, a one percent decrease from gifts of August a year ago, according to an announcement by Earl Kelly, executive secretary treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The August 1984 total was \$1,482,208, or \$15,109 more than gifts of last month. However, the total church giving through the Southern Baptist unified plan of giving in Mississippi is \$11,525,023, a total of \$797,902 more than gifts for the first eight months of last year, or a 7.4 percent rise.

The eight month total projected income would be \$11,666,667. This means that on a pro rata basis, the budget is \$141,644 behind. Traditionally, the budget goes behind its projections at this time of the year prior to the return of churches to fall schedules, and the return of people from vacations.

The 1985 budget total is \$17,500,000.

## Senate easily deflects Helms school prayer bill

By Stan Hastey

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U.S. Senate has decisively rejected so-called "court-stripping" legislation which would have forbidden federal courts — including the U.S. Supreme Court — from reviewing state laws authorizing prayer in public schools.

Following a brief debate Sept. 10, the Senate voted 62-36 to table a bill introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., designed to overturn Supreme Court decisions banning state-sponsored prayer and Bible reading in the nation's schools.

During the debate, Helms argued the nation's Founders wrote the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment ("Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion") only "to prohibit the

establishment of a national church" and sought "to leave the remaining issues of church-state relations strictly with the States."

Helms, a Southern Baptist, also declared: "Religious liberty is too important to leave exclusively in the hands of judicial elites more concerned about imposing their own political views on the Nation than in objectively interpreting the words of the Constitution."

The measure drew opposition from Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, a panel that is considering a Hatch-authored constitutional amendment to guarantee moments of silent prayer and meditation in the classroom.

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Shayla and Mack Blake

# Events indicate new time for Baptists in Indonesia

By Marty Croll

WAY HALIM, Indonesia (BP) — Recent occurrences in Indonesia have encouraged Southern Baptist missionaries about the future of their work in the country and offered hope for new beginnings.

In unrelated events this year, the Indonesian government rolled out the red carpet for a new Baptist hospital, and the Indonesian congress of Baptist churches took actions allowing missionaries to reassemble fragmented relationships with Baptist nationals.

Both developments laid the foundation from which missionaries could rebuild sinking morale to share in an increasingly potent Christian witness to the predominantly Muslim nation of 145 million.

The unprecedented government effort to win Immanuel Hospital a foothold in the community—something it never enjoyed at its original site—began when a cabinet member officially opened the facility at its new location in Way Halim, in the Tanjungkarang area at the southern tip of the island of Sumatra.

Health Minister Suwardjono Suryaningrat unveiled the hospital's name stone and toured the grounds with an entourage of about 15 officials from Jakarta in late July. Days later the medical officer for Lampung Province accompanied the U.S. ambassador on a visit to the hospital.

The government focus on Immanuel is seen by missionaries as a much-needed stamp of approval for the hospital, which relocated in February because of mounting tensions in the Muslim-dominated central Sumatra city of Bukittinggi. The health minister's visit was one stop on a two-day itinerary in Lampung Province.

"This puts us on a status we haven't had anywhere else before," said Win Applewhite of Georgia, a missionary surgeon who oversaw construction both times Immanuel was built. (His wife Laverne is a Mississippian.) In

1972 Applewhite left his spot as administrator of the Baptist hospital in Kediri, on the island of Java, to open the Bukittinggi hospital after the death of a missionary physician who began clinic work in the area.

Applewhite left Indonesia in mid-August for a final furlough before retiring early next summer. In departing he transferred leadership of Immanuel to its first Indonesian administrator, Bambang Sutisno. Sutisno, a physician, became a Christian while interning at the hospital about five years ago.

Applewhite believes the government's support of the new Immanuel Hospital results from a spirit growing out of talks between Baptists and Indonesian officials. In those talks the government agreed to pay Baptists more than enough to replace Immanuel at Bukittinggi with a new facility on about seven acres 500 miles away.

"Bukittinggi was a blessing to us. It had quite a profound effect and put this hospital where we are now, on this sort of footing," said Applewhite. "Because the government asked us to move, they felt responsible for getting this hospital established in Tanjungkarang."

More than 40 of the staff of 70 who worked at Bukittinggi moved to the 50-bed, \$2 million hospital. Facilities include an outpatient clinic, a surgery suite with three operating rooms, wards, administrative offices, housing and storage buildings, a nurses' dorm, and morgue.

Greeting the health minister at Immanuel were Indonesian Baptist leaders, including the hospital's board of directors; members of the foundation holding Baptist property in Indonesia, and the hospital staff. After the unveiling Suryaningrat toured the grounds.

Once during his tour Suryaningrat stopped, called a high official to his side and told him to send a team to Immanuel to study it, Applewhite

said. "This should be a standard for all of our hospitals. I want you to use it for a model to let other people live up to," Applewhite quoted Suryaningrat as saying.

Applewhite left Indonesia with a special work permit to ease access back in if he is needed. Co-workers have begun the process of securing someone to fill his role as a surgeon and hope to have the new doctor working within months if entry into the country goes smoothly.

Missionaries believe the potential for mission participation in the hospital looks bright, despite earlier fears that missionary medical people might be asked to leave the country. "It's not wide open, but we're rather optimistic about the possibilities," Applewhite said. Southern Baptist medical missionaries assigned to Immanuel include physicians Gene Ruble of Honaker, Va., (on furlough) and Oliver Gilliland of New Orleans, and lab technician Mariam Misner of Savannah, Mo.

Since spring, missionaries in Indonesia have sensed a new optimism about possibilities not only at the hospital, but in ministry throughout the nation. At a meeting in early March, Baptist national leaders at the Fourth Congress of the Union of the Indonesian Baptist Churches made decisions that have set in motion a reversal of binding tensions between missionaries and Indonesian Baptists.

"The outlook for all missionary personnel in Indonesia is much better than it was," Applewhite said. "Workings with the national body have changed completely."

One outcome emerging from the congress was a plan designed to help missionaries secure visas. Another internal change that will affect missionaries was a structural agreement that enhances cooperation among Baptists and missionaries in planning. In one significant action the congress elected a leader who supports cooperating with missionaries.

"The attitude, the working relationships, the actual facts of what's happening—our national brethren and missionaries are working together now," Applewhite said. "There are smiles where there was gloom."

Marty Croll writes for the Foreign Mission Board.

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chairman.

In major business, the board's executive committee authorized filing an amended prospectus with state and federal securities offices in preparation for offering securities for investment by the general public, probably in November.

The committee also took legal steps related to changing the name of the Baptist Rescue Mission in New Orleans to the "Clovis A. Brantley Center" in memory of a long-time Christian social ministries staff member and missionary.

Directors of the board also approved a \$25,000 allocation to the Colorado Baptist General Convention to assist the state convention with financial difficulties. The allocation implemented an earlier decision to change the ratio of cooperative work from 78 to 88 percent funding by the Home Mission Board, and to 12 percent funding by the Colorado convention.

In his report to board members, HMB President William G. Tanner said receipts from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions had reached \$25.9 million by Sept. 10, an increase of 8.38 percent compared to receipts for the same period last year. Tanner cited projections indicating the board will probably receive about \$27 million through the offering this year, about \$3 million short of the \$30 million goal.

In other actions, the HMB executive committee appointed 16 persons as new missionaries, 13 as missionary associates, 16 as church planter apprentices, and approved financial assistance to 67 mission pastors.

Jim Newton writes for the Home Mission Board.

## Moore will retire as Attala DOM

Levon Moore has announced his plan to retire on January 1, 1986; and at the same time has notified the At-



tala Baptist Association of his resignation as director of missions effective Dec. 31, 1985. He has served as director of missions for Attala Association for the past eleven years.

After January 1, 1986, he will be available for pulpit supply, interim pastorates, Bible Teaching conferences, and revivals. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 246, Kosciusko, MS 39090.

## Heflin, St. Amant, Crane teach at Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — James L. Heflin, Penrose St. Amant, and James D. Crane have been named to teaching posts at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Heflin, 42, is associate professor of preaching. He moved from a similar position at New Orleans Seminary, where he has taught since 1982. Prior to that he was pastor of First Church, Greenville, Miss.

Previously, Heflin served as pastor of churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Mississippi. He is a former trustee of Southwestern. Heflin holds a degree in history from University of Arkansas at Monticello, in addition to master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southwestern.

He and his wife, Wilma, have one son, James David, 16.

St. Amant, senior professor of church history at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., is guest professor in church history.

St. Amant, 70, has taught at Hannibal LaGrange College, Hannibal, Mo.; New Orleans Seminary and Southern Seminary, where he was formerly dean of the school of theology. He has also filled many visiting and guest professorship posts. His works include two books and numerous articles and pamphlets. He and his wife, Jessie, reside in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Crane, 68, is guest professor in missions. He and his wife, Edith, are former missionaries in Mexico.

The Seventy-Five Million Dollar Campaign was conducted during the five year period, 1919-1924. It was inaugurated by the Southern Baptist Convention for "The strengthening and promotion of the cause of Christ in the homeland and in foreign fields by the raising of seventy-five million dollars... to be expended in the various lines of missions, education and benevolence." Mississippi's share was \$3,500,000.00, of which \$2,622,556.22 was actually paid.

Young people must come to terms with their obligation to equip themselves for a career that will bring honor to the gospel. Preparation—there is absolutely no substitute!—Henrietta Mears

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# Gulfshore feels heavy water damage

By Neron Smith

Gulfshore sustained damages from Hurricane Elena and a tornado spawned by her. Wind and heavy water damage was experienced in all major buildings.

Elena did most of her destruction to the main buildings. The driving wind got under the roof cover in those areas and removed several large vent coverings on the roof.

This allowed large amounts of water to get into the building and its inner walls. Water was also forced in around windows and air conditioning units as well as under the exterior doors. The result is ruined floor tiles, ceilings, walls, and light fixtures.

Additional wind damage occurred to several areas of the suspended ceiling above the breezeways around the buildings. Fewer than a dozen rooms received no damage.

A tornado virtually destroyed the roof on the auditorium building allowing nearly 100 percent of the rain falling to go into the building. The only thing not totally destroyed by water was the building itself (excepting its roof), the chairs, and possibly the benches in the foyer. The organ and new piano were believed to be ruined.

Frank Simmons, Gulfshore manager, and Neron Smith, church building consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, have been assigned by Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer, the task of working with insurance representatives, an architect, contractors, and suppliers to develop recommendations and a plan of action for the restoration of the assembly.

Smith is church building consultant, MBCB.

## Insurance adjusters busy on coast

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Casotte center would take more than \$50,000 just to replace the triple-wide trailer itself.

First Church, Biloxi, estimated about \$125,000 in damage claims and First Church, Long Beach, had about \$40,000. Bel-Aire in Gulfport had about \$15,000 in damages, according to Bobby Perry, Gulf Coast director of missions. Both the associational officers were damaged, the Jackson County the worst, having to move temporarily to the Indian Baptist Church in Pascagoula. And the Gulf Coast association office had about \$5,000 in roof damage.

First Church, Pascagoula was one of a number of churches with damages yet undetermined. Staffer Dennis Ray Smith said that there was damage to every building, with every roof needing to be replaced. He said that there was structural damage to the old sanctuary which was being used as education space.

(Next week's Baptist Record will attempt to explain some of the difficulties of ministering to people in a disaster area. Many might think all a mass feeding kitchen such as the one operated by the state Brotherhood Department has to do is drive in and start cooking. There is more to it than that.)

## Homecomings

Brooksville, (Noxubee): 119th anniversary and homecoming, Sept. 29; Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship, 11 a.m.; Mack Rutledge, Starkville, message; covered dish lunch, 12:15 p.m.; Carlis Braswell, pastor.

## Harvest Day

Good Hope (Leake): Sept. 29; morning worship service, followed by lunch, fellowship hall; afternoon service, 1:30; Odell Tebo, pastor.

## 1st, Jackson, plans "Celebration," a fall weekend for singles

The single adult ministry of First Church, Jackson, has announced plans for "Celebration: A Fantastic Fall Weekend," a special weekend program to be held for single adults Oct. 4, 5, and 6.

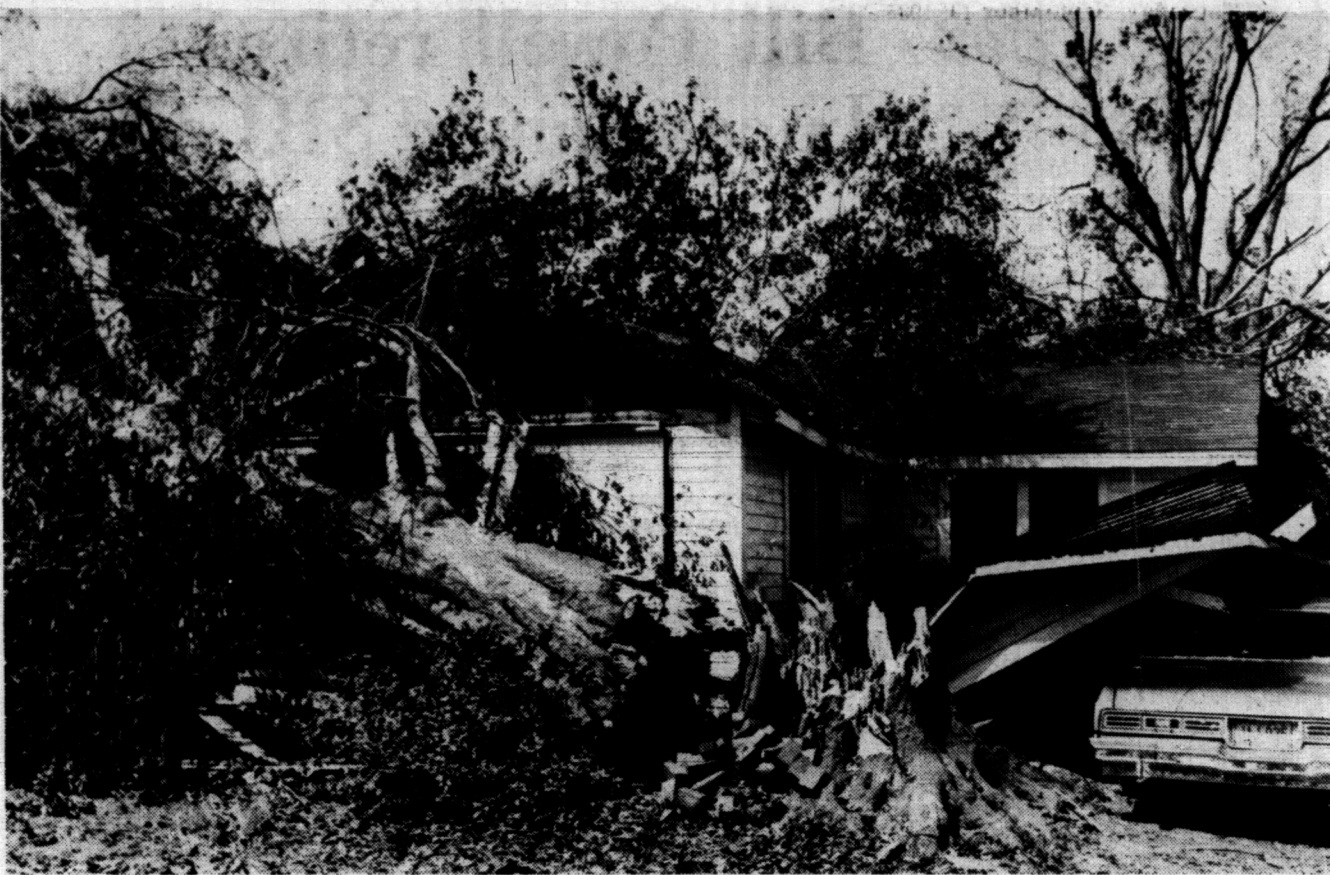
Jeanette Clift George, actress, author, playwright, and international speaker, and Mary Ann Kirtley, recording artist and concert singer, will be the key program personalities. George played Corrie Ten Boom in the movie, "The Hiding Place." Kirtley has sung with The Billy Graham Crusade.

Friday, Oct. 4, Celebration will

begin at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 5, at 9 a.m., both in the church sanctuary.

The theme of the meeting will be "Every person must come to the place where they can say from the heart, 'By the grace of God, I am what I am.'"

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This was the home of the Rose family, of First Church, Pascagoula, which was smashed by a tree. It was estimated

that one in five homes in Jackson County was damaged by the hurricane. (Photos by Tim Nicholas)



Volunteers from across the state manned the Mississippi Disaster Unit which is operated by the state Brotherhood Department. This ministry is funded by the Margaret Lackey State Missions offering.



Hot meals at the Mississippi Disaster Relief Unit were welcomed by victims and relief workers alike following Hurricane Elena which hit the coast on Labor Day.

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# Africa crisis shows few signs of abating

By David Wilkinson

WASHINGTON, D.C. — While money pours in to American and international hunger relief organizations and tons of emergency food aid reach African ports, the plague of hunger continues to spread across sub-Saharan Africa.

Anti-hunger experts now estimate that the emergency situation in most of the 20 drought-stricken countries will continue into 1987, even if current levels of food aid are sustained.

First-hand reports from a variety of sources, including officials of hunger relief agencies, government observers, and journalists, indicate that relief aid has simply been unable to keep pace with the steadily advancing famine.

The United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization estimated that total requirements in cereal food aid for Africa's beleaguered countries stood at more than 5.2 million metric tons as of July 1. International pledges for food aid fell far below that amount, and actual deliveries by July 1 had met less than half the total requirement, the FAO reported.

Meanwhile, the number of people facing starvation continues to rise. In Sudan, for example, the estimate of persons seriously affected by the drought was 4.5 million in February. By June the number had risen to 8.4

million. Relief officials now estimate that during the second half of this year 11.5 million — more than half of the country's total population — may be affected. Along with its own crisis, the country is also trying to cope with 1.2 million refugees from Ethiopia and Chad.

In Chad, officials report 2.2 million displaced persons out of a population of 4.5 million. Thirty percent of the children under age five are suffering from acute malnutrition and require therapeutic feeding in order to survive.

In Angola, one out of three children dies before age five.

While desperately-needed rains have brought relief to a few areas in Africa, they have compounded the problems in some of the most critical areas, hampering transportation of emergency food supplies and contributing to disease.

From January through July, the biggest recipients of hunger and general relief funds through the Foreign Mission Board have been Ethiopia (\$640,000), Mali (\$1,280,183) and Burkina Faso (\$420,000). The board released another \$1.4 million in relief funds to Ethiopia before the end of August.

David Wilkinson writes for the Christian Life Commission.

## Missionary News

Robert and Ruby Williams, missionaries to the Niger Republic, report a change of furlough address (721 E. Northside Dr., Jackson, Miss. 39406). He is a native of Portland, Texas, and she is the former Ruby Williamson of Columbia, Miss.

Parkes and Martha Ellen Marler, missionaries to Greece, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 712 Wilson St., Forest, Miss. 39074). They are natives of Harpersville, Miss.

Jeanne Hicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hicks, Baptist representatives to Mexico, married William Frederick Peters on Aug. 3 in Natalbany, La. Her parents may be addressed at Apartado 267, Cd. Satelite, Edo de Mexico, 53100, Mexico. She is the former Minnie Greer of Poplarville, Miss.

Winfield and La Verne Applewhite, missionaries to Indonesia, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Pine Trails Apts. M-5, Springridge Rd., Clinton, Miss. 39056). Born in Atlanta, Ga., he made several moves during childhood, but lived mostly in Jackson, Miss. She is the former La Verne Viverette of Union, Miss.

R. T. and Frances Buckley, missionaries to Bangladesh, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Rt. 2, Box 9, Picayune, Miss. 39466). He is a native of Picayune. The former Frances Goynes, she was born in Gibson, Miss.

Don and Rose McCain, missionaries to Portugal, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 612 Rosemary Dr., Gulfport, Miss. 39501). He was born in Greenville, and she is the former Rose McGarrh of Eupora.

Ralph and Gena Calcote, missionaries to Japan, have arrived in the States for furlough and retirement (address: 1625 Easy St., Yazoo City, Miss. 39194). He is a native of Lincoln County, and she is the former Gena Wall of Natalbany, La.

Robert and Ronnie Erwin, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 925 Skyline Dr., Morristown, Tenn. 37813). Born in Florence, Ala., he grew up in Oak Ridge and Knox County, Tenn. She is the former Ronnie Wheeler of Sandersville, Miss.

Danny and Elizabeth Panter, recently reappointed missionaries to Togo, have arrived on the field (address: BP 1353, Lome, Togo). They are natives of Mississippi. He was born in Pascagoula, and she is the former Elizabeth Wallace of Jackson.

Hugh and Brenda Provost, Baptist representatives to Yemen, report a change of furlough address (3926 Parchman St., Fort Worth, Texas 76118). He was born in Jonesboro, Ark., and grew up in Belzoni. She is the former Brenda Bryles of Pine Bluff, Ark.

## Revival Dates

Calvary, Pascagoula: Sept. 22-26; Sunday, 11 a.m., Sun-Thurs., 7 p.m.; Mike Catt, Fort Worth, Tex., evangelist; John Odom, music; George Berger, pastor.

Grandview, Pearl: Sept. 22-26, Sunday morning service, 11:00; nightly services, 7 p.m.; Gary Bowlin, full-time evangelist, Brandon, evangelist; Phil, (minister of music, Providence, Pearl,) and Marty Odom, music; Wade Chappell, pastor.

Chunky Church, Chunky: Sept. 22-27; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.; Mon-Fri., 10 a.m., 7 p.m.; Glenn Davis, pastor, Calvary, Newton, preaching; Danny Worsham, music; Wayne Campbell, pastor.

First, Petal: Sept. 22-25; services, 10 a.m., 7 p.m.; Leon Emery, evangelist; David Crim, music; W. A. Fordham, pastor.

Mt. Zion (Lowndes): Sept. 22-27, 10:30 a.m., 7 p.m. Billy Murphy, Laurel, evangelist; Bill McCord, Columbus, music director; David Perry, pastor; David Watson, minister of music.

## Senate deflects . . .

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In seeking passage of his measure, Helms repeatedly invoked language in Article III, Section 2 of the Constitution, that the Supreme Court "shall have appellate jurisdiction . . . with such exceptions, and under such regulations as the Congress shall make."

Insisting the language vests in Congress power to limit the subject matter the Supreme Court and other federal courts may review, Helms has sought enactment of separate laws stripping federal courts of their power to review state laws on school prayer, abortion and school busing.

Reacting to the vote to kill Helms' bill, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Executive Director James M. Dunn praised the Senate "for resisting once more a frontal assault on the constitutional doctrine of separation of powers among the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government."

Dunn also pointed to a 1983 Baptist Joint Committee position statement pledging opposition to "any and all such court-stripping efforts," and warning further: "We cannot and will not sit idly by while individual liberties are stripped away by politicians with eyes on the latest public opinion polls."

Stan Hastey writes for the Baptist Joint Committee.

## Pollard, Ward to speak at state BSU convention

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## Bill Powell retires, Lucas named SBJ editor

By Jim Newton

JONESBORO, Ga. (BP)—Directors of the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship have accepted the resignation of William A. (Bill) Powell of Buchanan, Ga., as editor of *Southern Baptist Journal* and elected an Austin, Tex., pastor as the new editor.

Dave Lucas, pastor of First Church of Oak Hill in Austin, was elected by about 16 directors from a half-dozen states attending the board meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Jonesboro, just south of Atlanta. Names of the directors were not revealed.

Powell, who will be 60 on Sept. 15, requested early medical disability retirement, saying he is unable to continue as editor because of a terminal illness.

Powell has been editor of the conservative-oriented publication since founding it in 1973. Previously, he was a staff member of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta for 11 years; first as associate director and later director of the board's department of survey and special studies, and as consultant on bus evangelism in the evangelism division.

An editorial in the May-June, 1984, issue of *Southern Baptist Journal* summarized the background and purpose of the Journal and the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, saying BFMF is opposed to "having teachers in SBC schools and writers of SBC literature who believe the Bible has errors; using Cooperative Program funds for those who do not believe in the verbal inspiration of the original manuscript as the infallible Word of God; electing liberals as trustees to oversee our schools and agencies; having teachers . . . and writers . . . who do not completely reject evolution and recognize that the Bible does not permit any woman to be ordained as a deacon or minister. . . ."

Powell said in an editorial scheduled for publication that doctors had diagnosed a "terminal disease" last year, but that BFMF directors encouraged him to continue for another year. "But it appears that the time has come to take disability retirement. It has been a hard year this year for me," he wrote.

Lucas, pastor of the Austin church for about a year, emphasized in an interview that he is a graduate of two Baptist institutions, Dallas Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and that he

is not anti-Southern Baptist organizations.

He said, however, there is definitely a problem of liberalism in the SBC, and that Southern Baptist Journal under his editorship would seek to document specific violations of the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

Criticizing Baptist state papers as carrying only one side of an issue, Lucas observed, "If one side is presented and the other is not, it will make the people in the pew think their position is not being respected. This fosters more division. We will carry both sides of an issue in Southern Baptist Journal," Lucas said.

Although Southern Baptist Journal has faced financial difficulties in the past, Lucas said the fellowship which sponsors the publication is "financially solvent." The operating budget, he said, is \$89,356, including salaries. Circulation varies from a minimum of 2,500 to a maximum of 35,000 when copies are sent to all SBC churches. Production and mailing costs range from \$500 to \$2,500 per issue, he said.

The publication and fellowship is supported by contributions from churches and individuals, and by \$25 annual membership dues. Lucas said there are about 400 contributing members.

Lucas will continue as pastor of First Baptist Church, Oak Hill. The church last year reported a total membership of 774 and a resident membership of 554, an average Sunday School attendance of 98, and SBC Cooperative Program gifts of \$2,493. Lucas estimated the percentage of total gifts going to the Cooperative Program at about six percent.

Jim Newton writes for the Home Mission Board.

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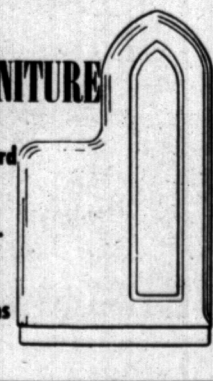
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# Atlanta housing forms available

ATLANTA (BP)—Housing request forms for the 1986 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Georgia World Congress Center were to be available in state convention offices Sept. 16, according to convention manager Tim A. Hedquist.

Hedquist said the forms, similar to those used for the past six years, were being printed in early September and were to be sent to executive secretaries of the 37 state Baptist conventions by Sept. 16, and were to be printed in the September issue of Baptist Program, and in the Mississippi Baptist Record.

"The forms are for those who wish to request room reservations for the Southern Baptist Convention through the Atlanta Housing Bureau," Hedquist said, adding rates for the 10 hotels range from \$44 to \$128 per night, double occupancy.

The Housing Bureau has 5,000 rooms in the downtown area, he said.

"The block is intended for individuals, persons who are not included in a group or through a tour agency," he added. "Each request will be treated individually. Even if an envelope comes in with 10 forms, each will be treated individually."

The forms must be returned to the SBC Housing Bureau, 233 Peachtree St. NE, Suite 200, Atlanta, Ga. 30043, no earlier than Oct. 1.

"They will be considered only by the date of the postmark," Hedquist said. "They will start with all of the requests postmarked Oct. 1, and go on to Oct. 2. They will consider only the date of the postmark, not the time it was mailed, so it will be to no advantage to mail the form at 12:01 a.m. Oct. 1."

He said all 5,000 rooms probably will be filled from requests postmarked Oct. 1 and 2.

The convention manager said each year some persons or groups attempt

to "shortcircuit" the system by sending "50 or more" requests in an attempt to book up rooms in the downtown hotels. "They are usually spotted, particularly since the lists are put on computer," he said.

"When an attempt at skullduggery is found, the workers in the housing bureau put the forms aside and those persons usually do not get rooms through the bureau," he said.

He said although 5,000 rooms are blocked out through the housing bureau, there are still plenty of other rooms in Atlanta.

"Atlanta has another advantage in that there is a rapid rail system (MARTA). Families or persons who cannot afford to stay in the higher priced downtown area hotels can stay in the suburbs along the rail line and ride the train right to the convention center. A one-way trip on MARTA costs only 60-cents per person," he said.

He suggested persons wishing to make their own reservations should check the 800 numbers of the larger chains, use a travel agent, or go directly to the hotel.

Headquarters hotel will be the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel.

Other hotels included in the block include American Hotel, Atlanta Hilton and Towers, Atlanta Marriott Downtown, Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Atlantan Hotel, Best Western Midtown Plaza, Downtown Motor Inn, Hyatt Regency Atlanta, and Lanier Plaza Hotel.

A list of other hotels is available through Hedquist's office, 901 Commerce No. 750, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

**HARARE, Zimbabwe**—The Baptist Communications Centre in Zimbabwe celebrates 20 years of radio broadcasting this year. The center broadcasts three major programs weekly.



## Bacons sing at Gulfshore

Bill and Martha Bacon, along with their daughters, Amanda and Heather, provided music and led the worship for the Senior Adult Conference held at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in August. Bill Bacon is minister of music at First Church, Clinton. Martha Bacon is artist-in-residence with First Baptist.

## Mississippi churches/associations noted for "Distinguished WMUs"

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** — Seventy Southern Baptist churches and 11 associations in Mississippi were recognized for their achievements recently during the Woman's Missionary Union National Annual Meeting.

Named as Distinguished Church WMUs were: Arkadelphia, Bailey; Baldwin, First; Brandon, First; Brookhaven, First; Heuck's Retreat; Macedonia, Brookhaven; Bruce, First; Calhoun City, First; Liberty, Carrollton; Wildwood, Clinton; Coffeeville, First; Pine Grove, Coffeeville; Evansville, Coldwater; Antioch and East End, Columbus; Corinth, First; Tate Street and West Corinth, Corinth; Ecu; Edwards; Ellisville, First; Enterprise; Eupora, First; Day Star, Florence; Greenville, First.

North Greenwood; Belaire and

Grace Memorial, Gulfport; First, Gulfport; Hattiesburg, First; Immanuel, Main Street and Pineview, Hattiesburg; Runnelstown, First; Temple, Hattiesburg; Short Creek, Iuka; Jackson, First; Laurel, First; Bethel (Winston); First, Louisville; Rocky Creek, Lucedale; McComb, First; McCool; Coat, Magee; Terry's Creek, Magnolia; Marks, First; Poplar Springs, Mendenhall; Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian; Griffin Street, Moss Point; Natchez, First; Pascagoula, First; Wade, Pascagoula; Petal-Harvey; Spring Creek, Philadelphia.

Picayune, First; Pine Grove, Picayune; Prentiss; Rolling Fork, First; Sledge, First; Colonial Hills, Southaven; First, Southaven; Montgomery, Summit; Oral, Sumrall; Harrisburg, Tupelo; Linwood, Union; Valley Park; Highland and Im-

manuel, Vicksburg; Walnut Grove; Winona, First.

Distinguished associations cited were Alcorn, Jones, Lamar, Lee, Lincoln, Marshall, Rankin, Simpson, Washington, Wayne, and Winston.

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## Brogan preaches in Germany on 10-week sabbatical leave

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Dick Brogan, president of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Jackson, has returned home after almost three months of study leave in Switzerland and Germany, May 28 - August 19.

He was interim pastor for two months at the Giessen Baptist Church, an English-speaking church in West Germany while the pastor, Paul Hendrix, a retired major, was away. He and his wife, Kitty, and son, Ted, lived in the pastor's home during that time.

"It is a military church," Brogan said, "with 75 or 80 members." Besides the servicemen and their families, members also include some American school teachers and a few German young people who speak English as well as German. The con-

gregation shares a building with a German-speaking Baptist church.

About every 18 months, there is a "turn-over" in the membership, due to some moving away and others moving in. Because of the extreme need for church leaders, many there are given opportunities for service, as Sunday School teachers, deacons, etc., who may not have not been leaders in their church in the States, said Brogan. The church is a "home away from home" for many and provides fellowship, as well as the chance to work.

While in Europe, Brogan attended the Education—Evangelism Conference of the European Federation of Baptists. This was held at the International Baptist Seminary at Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland. "I was able to get a glimpse of what European Baptists are doing in evangelism," he said. Also at the seminary, he attended a seminar on

counseling, and did some special study at the seminary library, which contains 35,000 volumes, and is a resource center for studies on Baptists and Ana-Baptists.

The seminary, jointly supported by Southern Baptists and European Baptists, has students enrolled from at least 25 countries, and uses English as the unifying language.

For Giessen and Zurich, and in visiting several other countries, the Brogans rented a car. However, he said that driving on the German autobahn (speed limitless) was rather unnerving, and that actually the excellent train system was preferable.

"The biggest frustration was not speaking the language of the people. I realized just how important communication is." In one German restaurant, he ordered cream, meaning ice cream; the waitress brought him a bowl of sour cream.

At Tours, France, he talked with (Continued on page 10)

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# Yellowstone names library for Mississippian

By Anne W. McWilliams

"Lord, give me a library. And make it a challenge." When Ida Dockery Owen prayed that prayer, she had no idea the Lord would find her a library in Montana, and that it would one day bear her name. She voiced that request in January 1, 1981; by July she had found her library.

Mrs. Owen had retired from the Hernando High School library at age 65. Then following the death of her husband, she wanted to use her energies more fully for God's glory. Since she had a master of arts degree from Memphis State and a master of library science degree from the University of Mississippi, and experience as a librarian, she felt that would be the type of volunteer work she could best do.

A team from Northwest Baptist Association was going to Yellowstone Baptist College and Bible Institute in Billings, Montana, in the summer of 1981. Women on the team would cook for a construction crew. Mrs. Owen, a member of the Eudora Church, said she did not want to cook but would go if she could fill some need at the college library. She could.

In Billings she found boxes and boxes of books. Here was the challenge! College officials asked her to return that fall and join the staff as full-time college librarian. It would be an unpaid, volunteer post. But she prayed again, and knew that God had given her the library she asked for. At her house in Eudora, she packed all her belongings into one room so she could offer the house, rent-free, to a Mid-America Seminary student and his family. (Kerry Edwards and his wife and son live in the house now.) This fall, Mrs. Owen is beginning her fourth year at Yellowstone.

In May, 1985, the Board of Directors for Yellowstone College voted to name

the school's library in honor of Ida Dockery Owen, in recognition of the outstanding job she has done and is still doing in building a strong media center.

The library's holdings, under her guiding hand, have gone from 2,000 books to 16,000 books. A Christian cabinetmaker, she recalls, gave a reduced price for building shelves. She prayed for at least four more shelves. "Measure the library," she told the man. "How many more shelves can we have?" He measured—and found space for four shelves.

All books and equipment have been donated. Owen Cooper, at his retirement, gave the college 400 of his books, and since then, has continued to send other books. Other Mississippians have also sent books, or donations to buy books. The Baptist Record sent bound periodicals.

This year, 1,500 books from the estate of the late Arthur Rutledge, who was president of the Home Mission Board, have been given to Yellowstone College. The estate asked the college to pay the \$300 to \$500 postage to ship the books from Atlanta to Billings.

"The Holy Spirit told me to contact Joe Dan Roberts," says Mrs. Owen. (Roberts, a former Mississippian and a student at Yellowstone, had gone to Aberdeen, Miss., to visit his son.) "He could go to Atlanta, and bring those books back in a U-Haul!"

"God's timing is perfect," she added. "Roberts was in Aberdeen when the Rutledge gift was announced." Faculty members paid the \$70 U-Haul fee. The books were waiting for Mrs. Owen to tackle this fall. The challenge has not disappeared.

From Billings, mountains are visible all around. The city has been call-

ed "the warm spot of the Yellowstone Valley," but Mrs. Owen, who lives in a house at the edge of the college campus, says it still gets very cold in the winter.

Yellowstone Southern Baptist Association began the Yellowstone Baptist Bible Institute in 1974. The school has been cosponsored by the Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship since 1979. Now a four-year Bible college and a three-year Bible institute, it is the only Southern Baptist college within a wide area—Montana, Washington, Oregon, Colorado, and Nevada. Mississippi College gave the school a boost by accepting transfer credits from there.

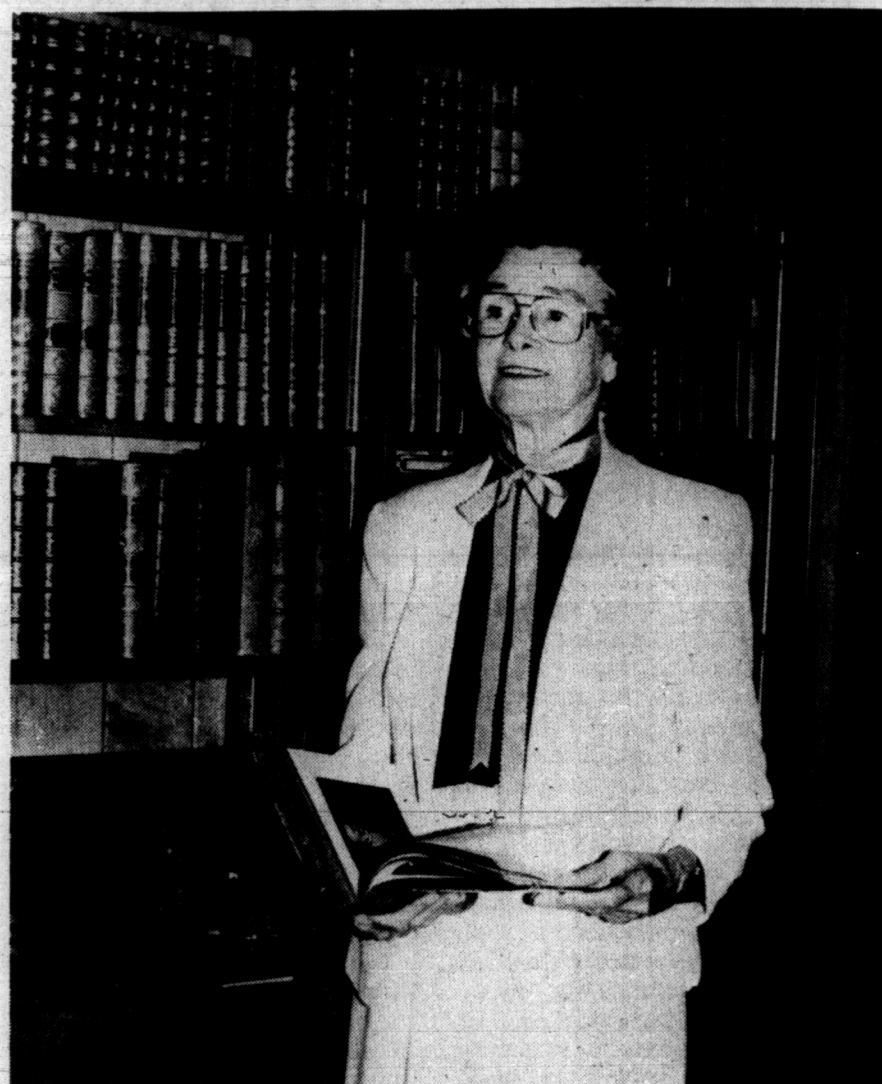
Since Mrs. Owen is the only member of the library staff, she has appreciated the work of volunteers from many states. "Christian Service Corps and Campers on Mission have meant everything to the library and to the whole school," she said.

One group included three cabinet makers, retirees. This summer volunteer teams arrived from Mississippi, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas. Young and old alike, have helped. Groups have gone from Northwest Association and Panola County in Mississippi. Women volunteers have typed cards and cataloged and shelved books. Janet Jordan of First Church, Jackson, has gone there every year for four years, to stay a month and work in the library. This year she was set to arrive on Sept. 5.

Besides the books, a tape ministry is booming. Mrs. Miles Earnheart of Tunica, sister of Mrs. Owen, began this as a memorial to her grandson, Stan Sugar, who died in an accident when he was a senior at Auburn University. The first tape she gave was "Pay Day Some Day" by R. G. Lee. This one plus 39 others increased, with her gifts and others, to 1,900 tapes.

Churches in the area are far apart, and the pastors (most of them bivocational) must drive far; on the way they listen to tapes. Students on guard duty listen to tapes, to stay awake. Tapes are ordered, too, for home Bible studies. A catalog has been printed; tapes are available through the mail.

Ida Dockery was born at Cub Lake, on a plantation three miles south of



Ida Dockery Owen

Eudora, in DeSoto County. At the first of her senior year at Mississippi College she married Edwin Owen of Tunica. Some years later, she completed work for a bachelor of arts and also got two master's degrees, one in library science. She has a daughter, Mrs. R. W. Miller of Cub Lake, and two grandsons. Her father, husband, brother, and son-in-law all served as Baptist deacons.

Many of the students and staff at Yellowstone College have found in Mrs. Owen not just a good librarian, but a counselor, friend, and prayer partner.

A Sunday School teacher at Rimrock Baptist Church, Billings, this fall, she has also worked with the Laotian and Korean missions of that church. Joe Dan Roberts has taken over the Laotian work.

"The library needs reference books," she pointed out. And she is praying for two more shelves.

"Yellowstone is the Lord's school," she said. "If he had not wanted it, there would not have been one. If he didn't want a school, he would not have built up this library so much." The books are there, a nucleus for the school's growth. "Every time I have gone away, I have returned to more and more boxes of books. The challenge has never diminished. If anyone is down in the dump's about the school's finances, they just need to go and look at the library!"

## Gleaning urged by Congressman

WASHINGTON, D. C. (EP)—Citing the biblical practice of leaving part of the harvest in the field to provide for the poor, Rep. Tony P. Hall (D-Ohio) introduced a resolution urging state and local governments to enact tax and other incentives to encourage gleaning.

The Hall resolution also commends food producers who permit gleaning of their fields, and nonprofit organizations which glean fields for distribution to help alleviate hunger.

A similar resolution is being offered by Senator Paul S. Trible (R-Va.).

Gleaning is a custom which dates to biblical times. Today, gleaning is largely practiced by church groups and other nonprofit organizations that harvest and distribute fruits, vegetables, and other crops that have been left by mechanical harvesters.

According to a study by the General Accounting Office, in 1974 about 60 million tons of grain, fruit, and vegetables worth \$5 billion were left to rot unharvested. That amount of food could feed nearly 49 million people.



## Panola Countians work in Montana

Panola Association has sponsored a mission trip to Montana for the third year. Men worked on dormitories on the campus of Yellowstone Baptist College. Women led Backyard Bible classes.

In 1983, they sent 37 people; in 1984, there were 25, and in 1985, 15 made the trip. Some of the men this year worked at removing siding from a dormitory. Pictured are Eugene Howell, Trent Grubbs, G. E. Jolley, Charles Lipe, and Al Mullan. Working on this building also, but not in the picture, were Jack Dempsey and Otis Wolfe.

Backyard Bible teachers were Mrs. Jack Dempsey, Mrs. Al Mullan, Mrs. G. E. Jolley, Ann Jolley, and Mrs. Eugene Howell. One Backyard Bible class is pictured, with Emma and Ann Jolley leading. Mrs. Trent Grubbs was the official cook, with some help from the others. According to Curtis Ellis, college president, "More was accomplished this year than any other year."



# Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

## M. T. McGregor

When I heard last week that Don McGregor's father, M. T. McGregor, had died, I thought immediately of how many people loved him and will miss him. I am among the many.

The first time I met Brother McGregor and his wife, Flora, we were in the foyer of the Holiday Inn Downtown, Jackson. Don had just become **Baptist Record** editor, I believe, and we were at the inn for a Convention Board dinner. Right away I was impressed with their warm friendliness.

After his wife of 56 years died in 1979 and he moved from Texarkana in 1980 to a small farm near Raymond, I had a chance to get to know him better. Almost every time he stopped by to see Don, he would come into my office to chat for a moment.

At the memorial service, his pastor, Sam Mason, mentioned how much he showed his love for people. And this was true. His care about and interest in other people, I could tell, was not a surface thing.

He first won my heart, I suppose, by commenting on various columns I had written. Sometimes people do this just to make conversation, and then ask me questions that make me think maybe they didn't really read too carefully after all! But he would mention small details even I had forgotten writing about, or ask about W. D. or the address of friends of his I had happened to mention. (One of these was Genevrey Zachary, whom he had known a long time ago in Arkansas.)

He had a soft spoken, kind, sweet way about him and as Mason said, "He minded his own business." He surrendered to the ministry in 1928 in his native Texas and later earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Baylor. For 22 years he was director of missions for the Hope Baptist Association in Arkansas.

He had the unassuming attitude that goes with true greatness.

Mason said, "He took God seriously, but he didn't take himself too seriously." That was one of the most delightful of his qualities—his subtle sense of humor.

When he was a chaplain during World War II, and stationed in England, he and a major paid a visit to Edinburgh. Finding every hotel full, they stopped at the American Red Cross office and explained their problem to the Scottish lady at the desk. She thought they were foolish to have come without a reservation, and told them she had nothing for them.

"It would be a tragedy," Mr. McGregor told her, "if a McGregor came to Scotland and had to sleep on the floor!"

"Is your name McGregor?" she asked quickly. And before night she found a place for them.

While he was director of missions, he published a monthly newspaper, or news bulletin. With the facts and figures, he would add a little fun. Once he included this story: "I was making a long distance person-to-person telephone call. The operator rang the office and a secretary answered. The

operator called for the man with whom I wished to speak. The secretary wanted to know who was calling, and when the operator asked for my name, I said, 'M. T. McGregor.' Then I heard the secretary buzz the office of the man and say, 'You are wanted on Line 2 by Mr. Empty McGregor.' I suppose there is some resemblance in sound between M. T. and Empty."

I admired his ability to adjust to a new type of life, in another state, after his wife's death—his ability to look upward and forward. An experience he once had at sea illustrates his philosophy.

Just before and during D-Day, he was stationed at Dorchester, England. He had responsibility over a group of 22 chaplains, and he counseled and prayed with many of the soldiers who invaded Normandy. (At this same time, Don had been captured by the Germans and was a prisoner of war.)

His first assignment as a chaplain, though, was to a troopship. Only one time did he get seasick; that lasted three days. A young naval officer saw him, finally back on deck, and invited him to go up to the highest deck of the ship. Later, Mr. McGregor remembered:

"There was a gentle breeze, and a few light clouds in the sky; the ship was tossing gently on the light waves. The young officer pointed out things of interest among the other ships of the convoy, the troopships, the freighters, the tankers, the battleship Texas on our right and the heavy cruiser Brooklyn on our left. Then there were the smaller cruisers and finally a ring of light destroyers which kept up a constant patrol around the convoy—in all about one hundred ships. Finally I said: 'Well, I feel better. I'll go back to work.'"

"Okay, Chaplain," said the officer, but I just wanted to show you that life is worth living, after all."

"As I made my way back down to the main deck it came to my mind that herein is a parable of life. To have proper contact with our Lord, and to bask in the sunlight of his love and blessings we need to get above the little, narrow, petty, ugly things of life and establish ourselves on a higher plane. And we do that by keeping in touch with him."

It was right that his funeral should end on a triumphant note—the congregation singing "Because He Lives."

## Van Winkle youths to present musical

The Youth Choir of Van Winkle Church, Jackson, will present a musical, "On the Rock" Sunday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The multi-media musical by Walt Harrah is a musical odyssey on kingdom living, based on the Sermon on the Mount. The public is invited to attend the special repeat performance.

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# Letters to the Editor

## "Christian" rock

Editor:

I want to add this article to what Darrin Wade and William Abel have said about the so-called "Christian" rock music. One of the main reasons we never promote Youth Night in Mississippi at the Colliseum is because of the music. Rock music, with its beat and the atmosphere it generates, is not what pleases the Lord and should not be a part of the Youth Night we have in Mississippi. Instead of lowering our standards to fit today's society, we should present good solid Christian standards to help bring the world up out of its degradation. Simply put, I believe the Lord is pleased with music that has a good Christian message that moves the heart, instead of loud music that moves the body!

Dwight Turner, Pastor  
Goodrum Baptist Church  
Vicksburg, Ms 39180

## Christian "rock"

Editor:

Just a word concerning the Youth Night music and Christian "rock"—Let's not confuse the medium with the message! Christian "rock," as some call it, is a perishable medium conveying an imperishable message. The medium of music is not eternal, only the Word of God is eternal (Is. 40:8). The music of Christian rock will surely pass away, but so will the music of Beethoven, Mozart, and Jimmy Swagert! But if the message is built upon the Word of God, that message will stand forever.

What Chuck and Wayne and other contemporary Christian musicians are doing is communicating the gospel to kids through a medium, which although temporal, is one the kids will listen to. Let's not confuse our personal taste in the medium with God's judgment. I know Chuck and Wayne. They definitely believe God has called them to his ministry and I agree.

One other word to us all—Let's be careful how we judge our brother and his ministry lest we, ourselves be judged (Matt. 7:1-2).

Rowe C. Holcomb, Jr.  
Minister of Youth and Media  
First Church, Cleveland

## Christian rock

Editor:

This letter is in reference to the letter that was printed in the Aug. 22 issue concerning "Christian" rock music.

I have been involved with Christian music almost my entire life, and I do not feel the remarks hurled at the music of Chasteen and Bentley were justifiable. The messages in their songs are distinctly and clearly based on Christian doctrines and ideals. The music of Chuck and Wayne has, over the course of the last six months, blessed my life. My spiritual life has grown partly because of the spiritual support offered through the music of this outstanding duo.

As I see it, if our young people listen to the music of Christian rock groups such as Chuck and Wayne, they are surrounding their lives with music that can only enhance their spiritual

growth. Let's lend our support to fine, outstanding, Christian groups like this. After all, we're in this thing together, aren't we?

Jeff Jones  
Ministerial Student  
Mississippi College

## Appreciation for comments

Editor:

I would like to commend J. Gerald Harris for his lesson comments in the Aug. 22 edition of **The Baptist Record**. He did a fine job on a much misunderstood subject, the new covenant, in Jeremiah 31 and 33.

I would also like to thank **The Baptist Record** and the Mississippi Baptist Convention for any part they had in giving us lesson comments like this one. May we see many more.

Roy A. Schmidt  
Sontag

## Refreshing experience

Editor:

In a day when all things are measured by bigness—it was refreshing for me to serve a 75-member church (as interim for a 10-week period while on a study/service leave granted me by the Mississippi Baptist Seminary) in Giessen, West Germany.

The Church has served military personnel and their families since 1962. These believers in Jesus Christ have also reached into the German populace with an effective ministry.

The First Baptist Church in Giessen is a member of the European Baptist Convention. Fifty churches in 11 countries with 3,934 members constitute

this 21-year-old religious body. Dr. John W. Merritt, a native of Hattiesburg, serves as the executive secretary. John and Elizabeth Merritt are appointed by the Foreign Mission Board. It was refreshing to see persons in the military and school teachers from America who take their commitment to Jesus Christ and his bride—the church—seriously.

I was refreshed and "cheered on" by the experience.

Richard A. Brogan  
President  
Mississippi Baptist Seminary

## Thanks from Pascagoula

Editor:

Let me take this time to commend and praise the Baptist Relief Unit and the work which they did in Pascagoula in the midst of a catastrophe as we underwent the brunt of the Hurricane Elena. Their willingness to serve and their spirit was a testimony to our people and to the people who came here for food each day. I appreciate the work of Jim Didlake and of his staff and as they coordinated to work together. Our people were renewed and refreshed and were educated again about the work of the Cooperative Program. Thank you, Mississippi Baptists, for the work which you've done in helping us at First Baptist, Pascagoula, and the other churches in Jackson County Baptist Association and those in the Gulf Coast Association. It's good to be a Southern Baptist and to pastor a great Southern Baptist church.

Dennis L. Johnsey  
Pastor  
First Church, Pascagoula

## Devotional

# Lagniappe or grace?

By Chuck Moody  
Ephesians 2:4-5

When I was in our seminary in New Orleans, I learned a new word: lagniappe. It is pronounced "lan-yap" and means "something extra." Lagniappe is a small present given to a customer who has made a purchase.

In this manner, the owner of the store expresses appreciation for the customer's business.

Recently I noticed that a chain of inns has incorporated the word lagniappe in its name: Lagniappe Inns. And, of course, their ads promise you "A little something extra." Elegant staterooms and the very finest beef.

Although I have not visited one of these new inns, I bet I can tell you why you get something extra. You pay for it. That's the way it usually is. To get a bonus or something extra, you have to pay for it or deserve it. That explains why there is so much difference between Lagniappe Inns and the more economical ones. You get what you pay for.

In thinking about this, I have decided that lagniappe may be an appropriate name for an inn, but it is not adequate to describe what God has given us. God has not given us a small bonus gift because we deserve it. He has not given us a little something extra. He has given us everything! Consider these words: "But God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved" (Eph. 2:4-5). That isn't lagniappe. That's Amazing Grace!

How have you responded to God's marvelous grace? With small gifts? With partial surrender? With small portions of your time and talents? Isaac Watts expressed the ideal response to God's grace:

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.  
That isn't lagniappe. That's total commitment!  
Moody is pastor, First, Morton.



Moody



## Ingomar goes on mission to Pennsylvania

A group of 16 people from Ingomar Church, and one from Liberty Church (Union County Association) traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., to conduct Backyard Bible Clubs in suburban Bensalem. They conducted two Bible Clubs, enrolling over 30 children while aiding the Bensalem Southern Baptist Chapel. Ann Gray, a native of Ingomar, a Home Mission Board church planter, began the chapel over a year ago.

Those participating were: Robert and Debbie Diaz; Linda, Amy, and Ellen Gray; John, Ivy, Jorja, and Jenny Weeden; Paul Davis; Kevin Fooshee; Joanne Gaines; Carl, Frances, David, and Daniel White; and Suzette Henry of Liberty. Carl White is the pastor at Ingomar.

## Brogan preaches in Germany

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some of the missionaries who are studying French.

The church in the chapel at Ruschlikon furnishes earphones and interpreters, as are available at the United Nations.

Brogan visited John Merritt (from Hattiesburg) who is executive secretary of the English-speaking European Baptist Convention, and

lives in Wiesbaden, Germany.

"It was good to get away from the routine, to the other side of the world and look back at it," Brogan said. "Travel is relaxing. Yet it can also cause tensions, experiencing new cultures and customs, and feeling frustrated at language barriers. It is mind-boggling to go into an 800-year-old-cathedral and realize it's four times as old as America!"

## Homecomings

Moak's Creek (Lincoln): Sept. 22; homecoming, 115th anniversary; services, 11 a.m.; Wayne McNeill, pastor, bringing the message, followed by an "old fashioned dinner on the grounds;" special afternoon singing services led by James Bickham, minister of music, 1:30 p.m.

Providence (Yazoo): Sept. 22; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; C. J. Olander, Meridian, retired preacher, speaker at the morning service, which begins at 11; Robert I. Martin, pastor; dinner on the ground. (Olander was called as pastor of Providence Church, Yazoo County, 70 years ago. He has spoken at every homecoming Providence has celebrated. September 22, next Sunday, will be his 91st birthday.)

First, Fairhaven, Olive Branch: Sept. 22, homecoming, 24th anniversary; Armond Taylor, first pastor, now pastor of Summerwood Church, afternoon speaker, 1:30 p.m.; The Prospect singers, New Prospect, Lewisburg, music; Carl E. Hayes, pastor.

Rocky Point (Leake): homecoming, Sept. 22; services, 10:45 a.m.; dinner on the ground, 12 noon; song, service, 1:30; David Wilkenson, pastor.

Cherry Park, Clinton: Sept. 16-20; weekdays, 7:30 p.m.; Merrick Henry, First, Melville, La., evangelist; Hollis Alderman, pastor.

## Book Reviews

LITTLE HOLY CHILD/A CHRISTMAS LULLABY by Ann Colbert; arranged by Nell Cook Adams; two-part; optional "C" instrument; Message Music/Colmar Publishing Company; distributed by HISong, P. O. Box 180212, Mobile, Ala., 36618 (1-800-824-1230).

What minister of music has not searched for a choral number which has some depth but would not require hours of practice during the already rushed rehearsal schedules of the Christmas season? Little Holy Child

meets this need. Ann Colbert's talent as a composer of beautifully singable melodies makes this piece of music an ideal way to begin the Christmas season. Nell Cook Adams, vocal and theory instructor at Clarke College, has written the flute part and added to the arrangement. Little Holy Child can be sung with any combination of two-part voices and is suitable for youth as well as adult choirs.

The composer is co-owner of Message Music/Colmar Publishing Company, Forest, Miss.—DTM

## Names in the News

Melody Nowell, 1985 state winner of the Youth Speakers' Tournament will give her speech in the morning service, Sept. 22, at McDowell Road Baptist Church, Jackson. Her speech is entitled, "How I Am Developing as a Believer."

T. H. Walker, member of First Church, Southaven, was selected as the chairman of the church's People Search/Scripture Distribution project conducted Sept. 15. The People Search/Scripture Distribution is an effort to distribute New Testaments and to locate people in the community who are not members of a local congregation. Churches throughout

the nation will be distributing more than five million New Testaments and conducting surveys in their communities.

Spurgeon S. Kelley will be honored on his 80th birthday, Saturday, Sept. 28, 2:00-4:30 p.m., at New Hope Church, located on Tombigbee State Park road in Tupelo. Kelley has pastored many churches in Mississippi. Also, he and his wife were house parents for the Alpha House, a boys' juvenile home in Tupelo. Mrs. Annie Pearl Sadler, Mrs. Elaine Herrington, and Malcomb Kelly, children of Kelley, are in charge of the celebration.

WASHINGTON (BP) — Oliver S. (Buzz) Thomas, a partner in the firm Thomas and Thomas of Maryville, Tenn., has been unanimously elected general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The Tennessee native will assume his duties Oct. 1.

Thomas, 30, is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Tennessee and an honors graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law and New Orleans Seminary.

For the past two years Thomas has practiced with his brother in the family law firm in Maryville, outside Knoxville.

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## Lubbock church buys low-power station

LUBBOCK, Texas (BP) — First Baptist Church, here purchased a low-power television station to broadcast the ACTS network to this West Texas town of 190,000.

Channel 40, which went on the air Aug. 1, reaches all of metropolitan Lubbock, according to acting general manager Wayne Roy. This church is leasing the station from Goodman and Sklower, an Albuquerque, N.M., firm which originally planned to put Channel 40 on the air. Roy said First Baptist now expects to execute an 18-month option to buy the station.

## Quarter of adults were abused

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (EP) — About 22 percent of adult Americans were victims of child sexual abuse, according to a recent Los Angeles Times poll. A telephone survey of 2,627 randomly chosen Americans conducted from July 20-25 showed that 27 percent of women and 16 percent of men were molested as children.

Less than half the victims told anybody about the incident within a year of the assault. Only three percent reported the abuse to police or other public agencies. One in three said they had never told anyone before answering the newspaper's 100-question survey. Seven of ten victims who did report the abuse, said no effective action was taken against the abuser.

## Tribe responds

KALTUNGO, Nigeria (EP) — Mountain dwellers who have been isolated from the modern world until recently continue to respond to the ministry of Nigerian missionaries. There are now four congregations among the Komos of the Nigeria-Cameroon border, a small tribe to whom such things as salt, matches, and lamps are new products.

EMS is the missionary arm of the SIM-related Evangelical Churches of West Africa (EC-WA). It currently has over 500 Nigerian missionaries working cross-culturally in Nigeria and neighboring countries.

## Texas drops blue

AUSTIN, Tex. (EP) — The 24-year-old Blue Law in Texas was repealed Sept. 1, three months after the legislature approved the measure. The Blue Law, enacted in 1961, prohibited the sale of 42 items on consecutive Saturdays and Sundays, effectively banning Sunday sales. It specifically mentioned furniture, clothing, hardware, and appliances.

## Billy Graham to preach in Hungary

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — Evangelist Billy Graham has announced that he has accepted an invitation to preach in two major cities in Hungary the latter part of September.

Graham stated that he will be preaching in Budapest (the capital of Hungary) and in Pecs (located in the southern section of Hungary near the Yugoslavian border). In Budapest he will preach in the Budapest Sport Stadium, a modern indoor public arena which seats 12,500 people. In Pecos he will speak on the steps of the historic medieval Roman Catholic Cathedral, which was built on the foundation of a Christian church dating back to the Fourth Century.

## Handbells magazine begins publication

NASHVILLE — Handbells, a quarterly magazine for directors and members of handbell choirs is being launched this month by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's church music department. Publication begins with the October-November-December 1985 issue.

Music included in each issue will vary from two to five octaves and from easy to moderate difficulty. One page of music will be printed in large notes and print for use by senior adults and children.

## 'Must carry' rule hurt

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — Cable system operators have no legal obligation to retransmit programming of local television stations, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has ruled. If an appeal of the three-judge panel's decision is unsuccessful, local TV stations, including religious stations, could be dropped from area cable systems.

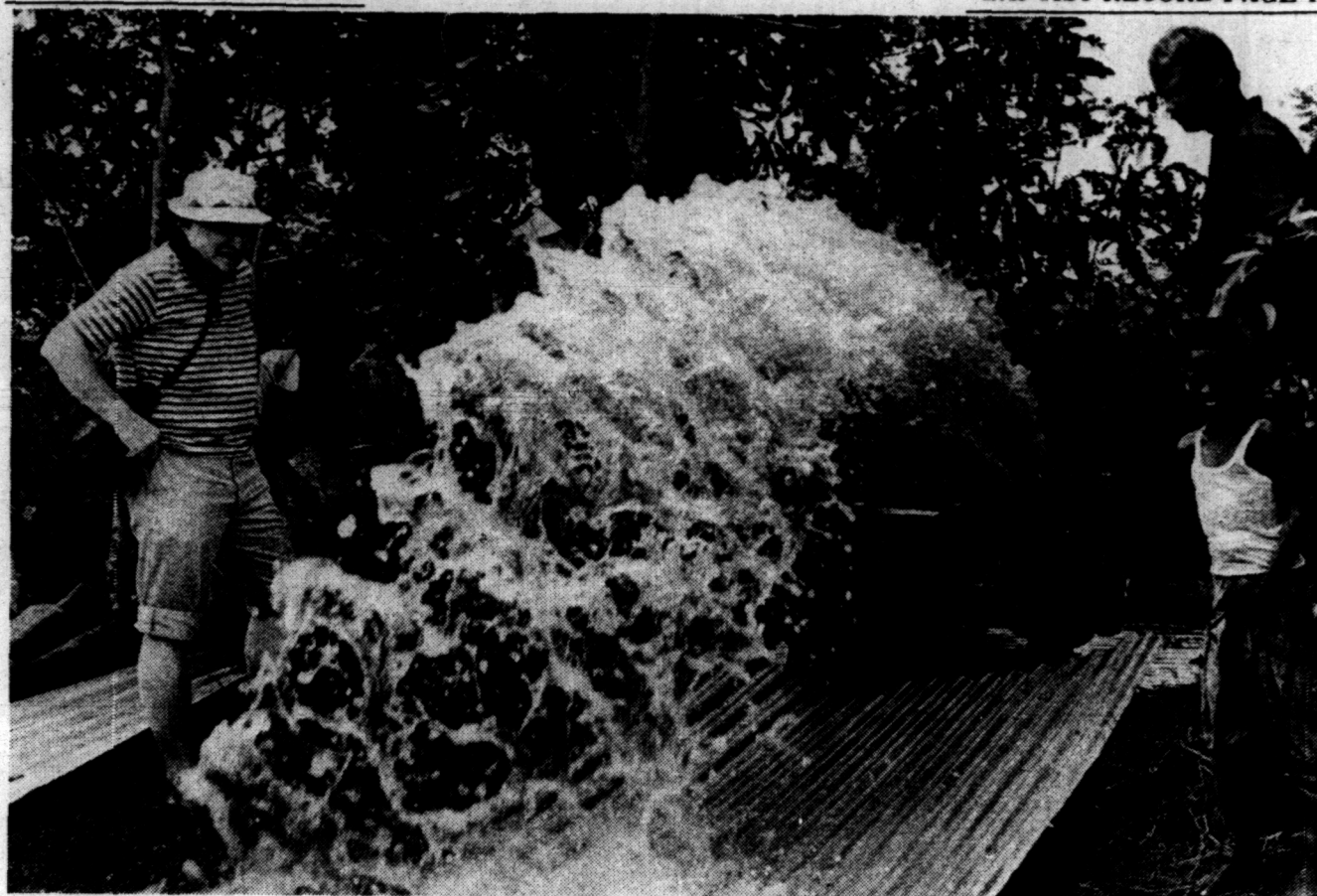
## Filipinos evangelize

MANILA, Philippines (EP) — Lt. General Fidel V. Ramos, chief of staff of the Philippine Armed Forces, recently accepted 70,000 New Testaments and Bibles for distribution to members of the nation's military forces. As he received the Bibles on July 15, the military chief inquired about the possibility of receiving New Testaments for the remaining 130,000 Philippine military personnel and 50,000 more for police.

The Scriptures were provided by the World Home Bible League (WHBL) as part of Manila for Jesus '85, an evangelistic outreach in the Philippine capital.

## Mississippi Baptist activities

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| Sept. 22    | Enrollment Day in Sunday School (SS Emphasis)                                       |
| Sept. 23-25 | Church Growth Seminar; Baptist Building; 2 p.m., 23rd-Noon. 25th (CAPM/SS/EVAN)     |
| Sept. 27-29 | Mississippi Baptist Student Convention; FBC, Oxford; 4 p.m., 27th-10 a.m. 29th (SW) |



## Pumping out the brine

Missionaries Jim Bryant of Arkansas (left) and Bill Burkhalter of Florida (far right) watch sea water being sucked from "pukurs" in a coastal area of Bangladesh. The pukurs, which usually hold fresh water and fish, became tainted with salt water from the Bay of Bengal when a hurricane May 26 whipped up a tidal wave that washed ashore. Employees from the

Development Service Center, an arm of Southern Baptist mission work in Bangladesh, are pumping the water out of 40 tanks along the southeastern coast of the country. The pukurs must be dry before the end of monsoon season so the rains can refill them for next year. (FMB) PHOTO

## Northeast BSU majors on missions

By Joe M. Cobb

Students who participate in Baptist Student Union at Northeast Mississippi Junior College on a regular basis know what missions, Bible study, and evangelism are about. From the first day of school in the fall until the last day of test in the spring, they study, pray, and participate in these things.

This past year, the Bible study luncheon on Thursday averaged in excess of 70. There are Bible studies in the dorms each week led by students. The director teaches one on Tuesday night in the Baptist Student Center. Plans are under way to expand all of these in the fall.

Mike Johnson has been added as a part time staff member. He will work with the male students. His responsibility will be to teach a Bible study in the dorm, do door to door evangelism, and train students to do both.

Northeast had three students serving as missionaries this summer through the BSU, two through mission outreach of Bethany, Mo., one with the Home Mission Board, and one at Camp Ridgecrest for Boys.

Locally the BSU painted the Jumpertown Mission and worked one weekend in construction at Southwood Baptist Church in Iuka.

In March of each year, Northeast BSU does an evangelism ministry at Daytona Beach, Fla. Students participating in this are required to have witness training before they leave for Daytona. In Daytona, the mornings are spent in additional witness training, Bible study and prayer. The afternoons are spent on the beach with Bible in hand sharing the Gospel with students on vacation during their spring break. Each year there are several students saved. It is a growth experience for the Northeast students that few will experience anywhere

else.

May found students on mission in California and Hawaii. Students helped in the pouring of the foundation for the Granada Baptist Church in Livermore, Calif. This involved the digging of the foundation, constructing the forms and pouring the concrete. This mission was a cooperative effort with East Central Junior College BSU. Al Deaton, a professor at East Central was their leader. At the same time, another group (The Sounds of Joy—the BSU ensemble) was in Hawaii on a construction and singing mission. Northeast BSU also has a weekly ministry to the local

## Central, Brookhaven will present Price concert

Central Church, Brookhaven, will present Jack Price, gospel singer and music arranger from Garland, Tex., in sacred concert in the church auditorium at 749 North Jackson Street, on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p. m.

Price is a nationally recognized as creator and director of evangelistic choral music. His skills as a choral technician have been in demand by publishing houses such as Benson Company and Good Life Production.

After graduation from Ouachita University, Price served as a minister of music for nine years before going into evangelistic music. He has been twice nominated for the Grammy Award. He has served as music coordinator for the annual Southern Baptist Convention.

Central Baptist Church Choir of Brookhaven will present several selections.

Paul Wilson is pastor. Ed Sudduth is minister of music.

nursing home in Booneville.

Northeast students gave in excess of \$3,500 for BSU student missions and raised an additional \$8,000 to participate in the missions mentioned above. It is anticipated that this school year will be another good one. Plans are under way to expand in these three areas. Part of the training of student leadership has already been done. As soon as classes start, additional training will begin and another class of students will experience firsthand, missions, Bible study, and evangelism.

Joe Cobb is BSU director at Northeast.

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The fee for the course is \$65.

For registration information or a brochure, contact the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Division of Continuing Education, 2500 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39216-4505, or call (601) 987-4914.

## Vicksburg team roofs Spanish mission in Clinton, Oklahoma

Warren Association's volunteer mission team of 18 adults departed from Vicksburg on July 6, enroute to Clinton, Okla. Their project was to construct a 94 by 44 ft. sanctuary for a Spanish mission of First Baptist

Church, Clinton, Okla.

Volunteers from the membership of the Oklahoma church had already prepared the foundation, poured the slab, erected outside walls and trusses. Vicksburg men soon determined their work would be to deck and shingle the roof (about 65 squares of shingles, box in the overhang, and construct a 12 x 44 ft. connecting link to the existing building).

The daily schedule was from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. On Friday afternoon, the roof was shingled, the connecting building was completed, the cornice was ready for paint, and some outside wallboard was up. Ben Sudduth, a member of Eagle Lake Mission (a mission of Vicksburg, First Church) supervised the job, since he had years of experience as a contractor.

Five women of the team conducted Backyard Bible Clubs. They were led by Mrs. Helen Prickett, wife of the area Spanish missionary of the Home Mission Board. The women moved into a different community each day and led the children, many of them not attending any church activity, in Bible study, games, and other religious orientation. They also planned a trip and picnic for a group of children.

The trip expenses were provided by a special offering from the Warren Baptist churches and from the associational budget which is provided by the cooperating churches of Warren Association. The First Baptist Church of Clinton, Okla., provided food and lodging.

The eighteen team members included Max and Erma Evans, Dale and Lillian Garner, Joe and Ruth Parman, and Regina Ezell, members of Immanuel Church; Celeste East, member of Trinity Church; Dan and Jeanne Cole, members at Ridgeway Church; Jake Shoops, member of Woodlawn Church; Ben Sudduth, member of Eagle Lake Mission; Ron Hatten, director of missions and member of First Church. Also, five men on the team were from First Church, Clinton, Mississippi. They were Ed Willis, Fred Long, Ray Hunt, Jim Parkman, and Billy Lamb.

## Yazoo team assists with Spanish mission

The Yazoo Baptist Association volunteer mission team number one, consisting of 17 adults participated in a mission project in Clinton, Okla.

The project was to finish the inside and outside of the 94 ft. by 44 ft. building for the Spanish mission. Volunteers from First Church, Clinton, Okla., and a group from Warren County Miss., had the building blocked in and completely roofed. The Yazoo group was to put up siding and insulation and sheetrock for the sanctuary area and four classrooms. Additionally, the group completed a platform for the choir and had installed the baptistry. Billy Thorp was supervisor.

While the men were involved in construction, the women held Vacation Bible School for the Spanish children, enrolling 44 in the four-day school. These women joined also with the women of First, Clinton, in taking a survey of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Trip expenses were provided by a special offering in the association and from the associational budget.

The 17 team members included: Clinton and Stephanie Hayman, Elese Harvey, and Mary Lou Gerrard, of First Church, Yazoo City; Bryan Abel, Thomas and Barbara McGinty, Levern Collins, and Paul and Maxine McGinty, of Center Ridge Church; Calvin and Willie Bob Smith, of Calvary Church; Billy Thorp, of Benton Church; Dan and Jeanne Cole, members of Ridgeway Church, Vicksburg; and Pat and Mable Thomas, members of First Church, Vicksburg.



## Southside, Aberdeen team ministers in Florida

A group of 26 people from Southside Church, Aberdeen, spent a week this summer working with the Home Mission Board and the Gulf Stream Baptist Association of Florida in the Ft. Lauderdale/Miramar, Florida area. This is a small congregation in Miramar meeting in the high school facilities on Sundays.

The mission team from Southside went to this area to help strengthen the work there by encouraging the members of this congregation and helping find new prospects for the church. The team did door to door survey work, conducted Backyard Bible Clubs, and held worship services each evening.

Some of these services were held on the beach in Hollywood Beach. The group was able to minister to over 200 people during the week in the Backyard Bible Clubs and the worship services.

The mission team used puppets and clowns to invite children to attend the Backyard Bible Clubs which were held in various areas around the city of Miramar. The puppet team performed several times each day and during the worship services each evening.

The mission team also worked with a group of Rumanians in Hollywood Beach, who had resettled there after leaving their communist-controlled country. The pastor of this Rumanian congregation had been won to Christ by a Southern Baptist missionary when he was a young man in Rumania. The mission team held services for this group each evening and worshiped in their church on Wednesday evening.

Gerald Hodges is pastor of Southside Church. This is the 9th mission team he has organized and led over the past 10 years.

## First, Shannon honors Barnett

June 30, was declared Claude Barnett Day at First, Shannon. "The day was a day of celebration with young and old sharing memories of how 'Mr. Claude' has inspired many lives as he quietly did his chores of cleaning and readying God's house for service," stated Robert Armstrong, pastor. Barnett and his wife (Mrs. Callie, deceased) were hired as the custodian December 1962.

"Jack Maroon was pastor at the time and was concerned about hiring a member of the church for fear it may cause some conflict if something was not in order. However, Maroon said they always went far beyond the call of duty and meager remuneration provided. Daily 'Mr. Claude's' little blue Ford would arrive at the church



Pictured, left to right are Jack Maroon, Claude Barnett, and Robert Armstrong, pastor.

shortly after 7 a.m., if not before until December, 1983 when illness caused him to cease his cleaning activities."

During the morning worship Brian VanDevander, Raymond Dallas, Hoyte Smith, Nell Bourland, Sis Estes and Missy Barnett shared with the congregation their experiences with 'Mr. Claude.' Jack Maroon brought the morning message. After the message a meal was served in fellowship hall.

## Off the Record

A postman went to a new home where a large dog in the front yard growled viciously. The postman said to the man on the porch, "Does your dog bite?" The man said, "No."

The postman took two steps into the yard and the dog tore off one leg of his trousers.

"I thought you said your dog didn't

bite!" he complained.

The old man looked up from his paper and said, "Ain't my dog."

The little boy ran to his mother holding a dry pressed leaf which was evidently a relic of days long ago. "I found it in the big Bible, Mother," he cried excitedly. "Do you suppose it belonged to Eve?"

## "Parenting by Grace" meet comes soon

"Parenting by Grace" is the theme for the conference on Christian parenting to be held at First Baptist Church in Jackson on Friday and Saturday, October 11-12.

The conference, which is jointly sponsored by the family ministry of Hinds-Madison Baptist Association, the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and First Church, Jackson, is designed to help Christian parents understand and exercise the gift of God's grace in their parenting. The conference will be led by Paul Jones, executive director-treasurer of the Christian Action Commission and one of 42 persons across the United States trained to lead "Parenting by Grace" seminars.

The seminar will be held in the Family Life Center of First Church from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, and from 8 a.m.-12 noon Saturday. There is no charge for the conference. Child care for children who have not entered junior high will be provided by the church for \$5 per child for the entire conference.

It is not mandatory that advance notice of attendance be given, but it is desired in order that adequate preparation can be made.

Additional information and reservations can be made by contacting the counseling ministry of First Church, Box 1158, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or by calling (601) 352-0554. Information about "Parenting by Grace" can also be secured from the Christian Action Commission, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, (601) 968-3800.

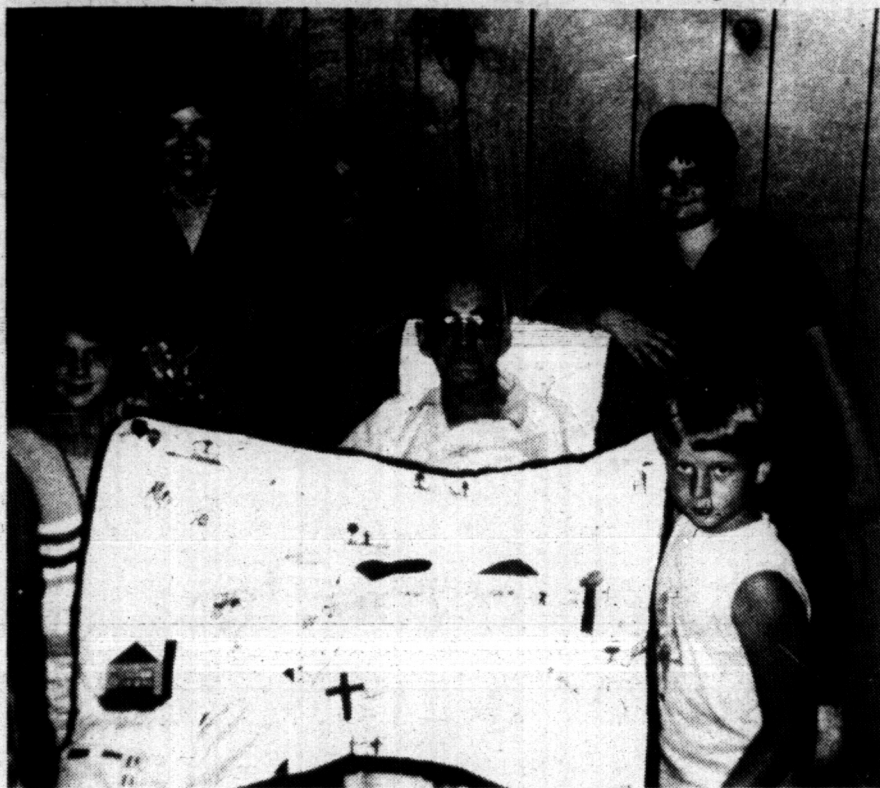
## First, Clinton reaches goal

"Challenge seems to be the theme at First, Clinton, typified by the Together We Build program conducted recently. Having conducted a Together We Build Campaign in the late 1970's, the congregation chose again to use this procedure as a means of raising funds for major education space renovation and the construction of a new sanctuary," commented Ed McMillan, campaign chairman.

"With the selection of a ten-member steering committee, the church geared up for a successful stewardship emphasis. In 1984, the congregation had given in excess of \$800,000 to its regular budget. The assumption of a \$700,000 Victory goal for the Together We Build Campaign was indeed a mark of faith in the dedication of the membership; however, the \$700,000 Victory was reached quickly.

He added, "Then the advance goal of \$800,000 was achieved and the gifts moved the campaign support to within a few thousand dollars of \$900,000. Nothing short of amazing would properly describe the response of the membership to this identified need which could be best met through the implementation of the Together We Build program."

Total raised, according to Bill Baker, pastor, was \$900,598.



The Children's Sunday School class of Spring Hill Church, Calhoun City, has been studying about ministering during the month of August. The children wanted to put into practice what they learned, so they decided to do something for a home-bound member of their church," said Mrs. Tammie Worsham, teacher. "They made a 'foot quilt' for Johnnie J. Hardin." Pictured, bottom row, left to right, Charlotte West, Hardin, and Brian Mitchell. Top row, left to right, Worsham, teacher, Cory Vance, and Clay West.



Mr. and Mrs. David E. Hall and daughter, Lindsey, (center) were honored by members of First Church, West Point, on the fifth anniversary of Hall's pastorate. At a recent all-church banquet a five-year record of accomplishment entitled "Looking Up, Reaching Out, Going Forward" was presented to the Halls by Mrs. Allie S. Vance, chairman of the history committee, second from right. Other history committee members included in the picture are Mrs. Esther Pippen, left, and Miss Tom Womack, right, writer.



Damascus Church, Brookhaven, held a recognition service for its mission organizations, July 28. Pictured, Mission Friends, (top) Cillea Grice, Steven Smith, Candis Smith, and not pictured, Jason Grice. GAs, (top, right), bottom row, left to right, Tracy Barfoot, Diana Ard, Denise Russell; top row, left to right, Heather Grice, Currie Lee, Kay Abbey, and Jenny Travis. Beth Abbey and Kay Grice, leaders RAs, (bottom, right), bottom row, left to right, Chris Grice, Andy Lee, Brad Hall; standing, Darrel Smith, leader, Paul Lee, Jamie Fullen, Jill Smith, leader, and not pictured, Nathan Wease.



## Baylor trustees select Hillis as executive vice-president

WACO, Texas (BP) — Baylor University trustees appointed William D. Hillis as executive vice-president, selected a building contractor for the \$12 million special events center, and heard a report that freshman applications for the fall semester are up more than 21 percent from last year.

The action came during the trustees' July 19 meeting on campus. Hillis's appointment was effective Aug. 15. He fills a position left vacant by Reynolds when he became president. Hillis is a medical doctor whose research led to the first vaccine against hepatitis.

He has been president of the board of trustees of The Baptist Home of Maryland, president of the Baptist Convention of Maryland and a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He resigned from the SBC Executive Committee in August 1981 when he became professor of biology and chairman of the biology department. At the time, he held joint teaching appointments at the School of Medicine and the School of Hygiene and Public Health of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

## Annuity Board retains Aetna

DALLAS — The Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company has been chosen from among a group of bidders to continue as the carrier of Southern Baptist insurance programs for two more years.

In the summer meeting of the trustees, Annuity Board President Darold H. Morgan announced that the Aetna will be retained as the carrier for two more years.

A new benefit that will be added Jan. 1, 1986 is the mail order prescription drug program. Morgan said the patient may continue to present his prescription to the local pharmacy for medications immediately needed, and file for benefits under the traditional insurance plan.

The patient also has the choice of mailing prescriptions with a five-dollar fee for each prescription for maintenance medications to a central dispensing organization and receive up to a 90-day supply. The dispensing organization will bill the Annuity Board for the balance of the medication costs.

In further business, the Annuity Board reported a \$55 million increase in earnings of retirement plan funds over the first half of 1984 totalling \$73,142,522 million.

Total assets invested by the board totalled a record \$1,562,021,356.

## Bolivar sells Shelby property

Bolivar Baptist Association closed the sale on Aug. 14 of its Shelby property to the H. J. Riverside Company of Clarksdale. The action was authorized by the Executive Committee of the association at its January, 1985, meeting.

According to Odis Henderson, director of missions, this decision was made following the Benjamin Burgos Memorial Baptist Church's decision to disband. The pews and piano were given to the Midway Church, Bolivar County.

## Singapore holds Mandarin services; 37 decide for Christ

SINGAPORE (BP)—Thirty-seven Singapore residents decided to become Christians when, for the first time, Chinese-speaking Baptist churches in the city-state teamed up to hold evangelistic services in the Chinese dialect, Mandarin.

Young people who regularly attend English-speaking Baptist churches invited parents and friends to the Mandarin services. Many had never heard the story of Jesus Christ preached in their own language.

Besides the 37 new Christians, 64 people said they wanted to learn more by studying the Bible on how to live the Christian faith.

More than three-fourths of the people who live on the southeast Asian island are Chinese, but increasing numbers are learning English in school and speak it at work. For this reason churches provide English ministries, but not all provide Chinese services.

## Hiroshima pastor dies

FUKUOKA, Japan (BP)—Buntaro Kimura, 79, who was pastor of Hiroshima Baptist Church when the atomic bomb destroyed Hiroshima, died Aug. 8.

Kimura was visiting his family in the country when the atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima the morning of Aug. 6, 1945. But he rushed back to the city when he heard of the disaster, risking his life in rescue and relief work. His church lay in rubble.

After World War II ended Kimura led the survivors in his small congregation to rebuild the church, with financial help from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

As a pastor in Hiroshima and Fukuoka, and later as president of the Japan Baptist Convention, Kimura helped lead Japanese Baptists to grow from 16 churches with 500 members to a current total of 276 churches and missions with 28,000 members. The convention is now self-supporting and sends missionaries to Indonesia and Brazil.

## Protests continue in Israel over Mormon study center

JERUSALEM, Israel (EP) — Thousands of black-clad demonstrators gathered at Jerusalem's Western Wall recently for a "prayer of mourning" against a proposed Mormon university center on Mount Scopus. The center, currently under construction, will be part of the overseas extension program of Brigham Young University. Opponents charge that it will be used as a center for missionary activity.

Mormon officials deny any plans to proselytize from the \$15 million center, which they say will be strictly for study purposes. Negotiations

are continuing between Mormon leaders and the Knesset Interior Committee over the form of a written guarantee that the center will not be used for proselytizing.

Mormon leaders have agreed to make a written promise, but have rejected demands that they post a bond of \$1 million to ensure that the promise is kept. Mormon officials also rejected demands that they promise not to let any Jew enter the center.

David Galbraith, director of BYU's program in Israel, said he was puzzled by the recent wave of opposition.

# Deciding who gets to eat takes toll on ministers

By Beverly Coad

BAMAKO, Mali (BP) — An African tradition of sharing is complicating grain distribution in Mali and increasing the heavy burden on Christian pastors in charge of distribution.

People who need food come every day to the home of pastors distributing grain, says David Saye, coordinator of a Southern Baptist-financed grain distribution program in Mali's fifth region. But pastors must turn away many because there is not enough food. "It fatigues a person morally, psychologically, and even physically," he says.

"The people follow you everywhere you go and pull you by your robe and beg: 'Help me. Give me food. My children are hungry. Help me.'"

Two pastors, he says, have been especially pressured. The pastor at Bandiagara shares his own food with the many needy people who have moved in with his family. "He is really at the end of his strength morally, psychologically, physically."

Another pastor in Koro lives in similar conditions. "Every day people come with their gourd bowls — women, men — to look for food for the day. For weeks at a time, their yard is full," reports Saye. "When people are starving, they do not act with reason. When the stomach is empty, one cannot think."

The situation becomes even more difficult because of an African tradition which, ironically, has probably saved many lives. "Our tradition says when your brother has something, he must share with you," says Saye. "However, with this gift of grain, we

cannot follow the traditional system. This gift was given to those who have nothing."

Tradition also says "if someone is responsible for something, the family of that person must benefit from whatever he is responsible for," says Saye. But often those distributing the grain are not eligible to receive any. When that happens, those men find it difficult to explain to their families why they can't follow tradition.

Sometimes family members, in exerting pressure for grain, claim the pastor "has forgotten his own family or, even worse, that he is not taking care of his own family," Saye says.

This is the second year missionaries Norman and Beverly Coad have used Southern Baptist hunger relief gifts to distribute grain through the Christian churches in Mali. Saye, a Christian high school teacher who grew up in Mali's fifth region, the country's traditional breadbasket, has coordinated distribution in that region both years and says the grain distribution has elevated the stature of Christians in the country.

Southern Baptists have financed distribution of 6,000 tons of grain this year. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization estimates Mali needs 375,000 tons of food aid this year, but only 269,000 tons had been pledged by the end of June.

To insure steady food supplies, relief organizations are assigned to work in particular areas and time slots so one takes over in a particular area when another exhausts its resources.

At the village level, the Christians

consult with village elders who know the situation of each family under their jurisdiction. Of them, they ask, "Among you, who is the hardest hit by the famine?" From this answers, the Christians develop a list of those in greatest need. Someone with livestock will probably be excluded because he can sell his animals to buy grain. Someone else may have a harvest, however small, which his family can eat. He has to be passed over for those who have nothing.

To keep track of which families have received food, they use registration cards issued to each family by the government.

In spite of the pressures, Saye says the grain distribution has had positive effects for the recipients and for the church. "If someone is at the point of death, and you give him new life, you would have to say that what you have done is effective. Your gift renews life in people and shows them that there are other people who care about them."

And that changes people's attitudes toward Christians. "In the past, Christians were considered as the lowest of the low," says Saye. "It was said that Christianity was only for whites, and that Christianity had never done anything good."

But now people are saying, "Truly these Christians have love for other people," says Saye. "Many are beginning to believe that Christianity is the true religion."

Beverly Coad is a missionary in Mali.



Paul Blange



Joe Hart

## At Carey

# It's never too late — even for a grandfather

By Larry Brumley

What do a former medical technologist, an ex-New Orleans police officer and the former owner of a meat processing plant have in common?

All three are fulfilling a "late" calling to the ministry by completing degrees in biblical studies at William Carey College while pastoring small Baptist churches in south Mississippi.

Two responded to their calls to the pastoral ministry while in the midst of careers and raising families. One was already a grandfather when he returned to college to finish his "schooling."

Joe Hart

It took 52-year-old Joe Hart 16 years to finally enroll at Carey after deciding to go back to college. Hart, a grandfather of 12, said he was called to preach in 1964 while working as the manager of a supermarket meat department in Tampa, Fla. He was 30 years old, married, and had three children at home. But he quit his job and enrolled at a Baptist college in Florida. After two years he dropped out of school to serve at a church in Louisiana. While at that church in Louisiana, he began making plans to go back to school, this time at Carey. But he got sidetracked.

He moved on to churches in Florida and Alabama before deciding to go into full-time music evangelism with his talented family. Hart, his wife, Ellen, and their four children became known as "The Singing Harts" and for 12 years they traveled around the country singing in revivals, making albums and appearing on television.

Last year Hart realized it was time to pull off the road. He had never really done what he felt he was called to do 21 years ago—pastor a church. "I realized then that I needed to finish my schooling," he said.

Hart, who operated a meat packing plant in Dothan, Ala. to supplement his music ministry, sold his business last summer and enrolled at Carey.

"I got tired of not having my education," he said. "A few things happened to bring me to that decision. It wasn't easy. When I first walked on campus I saw all these young people and started to turn around and leave, but after talking to the dean of admissions I had a better feeling about it and it all fell into place."

Currently pastor of Knoxo Baptist

Church near Tylertown, Hart says he now feels at ease with the students at Carey and "really loves them."

"I think it's good for a person my age to come back to school and be with the younger generation and rethink the meaning of your faith. It gives me more insight."

Greg Johnston

Thirty-three-year-old Greg Johnston left a career as a medical technologist at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center five years ago to go into the ministry.

Johnston went to Carey via the School of Christian Training at New Orleans Seminary, where he earned his associate of divinity degree.

His seminary education has helped him in his pastorate at Union Baptist Church in Brookhaven, but he said he knew he would have to get his bachelor's degree in order for his ministry to expand.

"I had to pray about it a long time before returning to school because I knew the sacrifice it would bring on my family," said Johnston, who is married and has two children. "But I felt like there were some areas that God could use me better in if I went back and got my college and seminary degrees. For instance, career missions work requires a master's degree, and I would not be able to get into some churches without a higher education."

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## SCRAPBOOK

### Loneliness

#### The top of my life is good

The river called, and many trucked off to play; but some felt weary and nourished a quiet day of blessed non-labor to languish on the patio, to find the sky really blue, with clouds moseying low, all tinted pearl. And if one looks lingeringly at an oak twig, the leaves will lift teasingly, pleasingly. The pink umbrella crepe myrtle is be-diamonded with blooms, and the red tree fertile. See the orchid althea, and the vine veiled white, grown over thorns where the tea roses made a sight last spring. Then let all thoughts grow still and holy, for where the flowers are, think solely upon God. Know peace. Let no feeling clash with such created beauty, no word sound brash where Jesus blesses the lifting head, where beautiful dreams grow real and souls are fed.

A truck drove up, and a fisher person ran in with a trout uniquely the size of my frying pan.

— Violet Tackett, McComb

Department of Commerce data indicate the amount U.S. citizens spent on alcoholic beverages increased from \$43.9 billion in 1980 to \$51.4 billion in 1983. During that same period expenditures on "religious and welfare

activities" rose from \$23.3 billion to \$32.2 billion. And expenditures on "recreation" increased from \$107.1 billion to \$141.3 billion. — Evangelical Newsletter

Loneliness —  
A state of being  
in which all faculties cease  
save those mechanized ones  
which are perfunctory in nature  
and obligatory in origin.

Nothing matters except what  
has to matter.

The bottom left corner of my bed  
sags  
where I sit each day,  
blandly following the people  
with my tired, red eyes.

Three floors up I sit,  
yearning  
for an upturned face,  
a quiet smile,  
a timid wave,  
an acknowledgment of my existence.

Silence pervades.  
Darkness grows.  
Crowds diminish.

Here I sit.

Just because I own a wrinkled face—  
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—Hope Starnes



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# The unappointed: Bitterness or new dreams?

By Leland Webb

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—Hundreds have discovered through the years that the door to foreign missionary service does not open to everyone who knocks. For those who find the door shut, recovery from the disappointment can be slow.

It was "one of the most traumatic experiences I ever went through," one candidate said.

Yet they find themselves in good company. The rolls of the unappointed contain familiar names: the executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, the president of Hardin-Simmons University, a long-time seminary missions professor. Others include Southern Baptist missionaries who earlier had encountered that shut door.

Though time often blurs memory, many nonappointees vividly recall the experience years later. It is a time when an individual's sense of God's will and necessary appraisal by a larger Christian body may collide. Reactions vary, but feelings often are intense.

Some, startled at being redirected from foreign missions, feel shock sometimes mixed with anger. One wife for a time wondered, "Has God put us on a shelf?"

Candidates sometimes add to the trauma by building unrealistic expectations, perhaps because they have not heard—or have not accepted—all that is involved in the process.

The Foreign Mission Board's duty is to send out the best-prepared with the strongest prospects for long-term service. The board must consider carefully factors individuals normally do not. For example, a medical condition manageable in America could become a severe liability overseas under pressure of climate, stress, and shortage of medical facilities.

Candidate consultants and other staff members in the board's personnel selection department assemble information from candidates (including a detailed life history), from medical and psychological specialists and from references. As a group they decide whether to present candidates to a subcommittee made up of board trustees on the human resources committee. Candidates may override the staff's negative decision and ask trustees to review their cases. Trustees make the final decision.

Some unappointed enter a time of personal confusion as they deal with whether they have misread God's will. For most, reconciliation to reality follows as they seek a new direction.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, in retrospect says she believes the board "played exactly the role it should have" in turning her from missionary service. She viewed the experience at the time, she adds, as "God's closing one door and opening another."

A church calling a pastor offers some apt comparisons—and contrasts—to the appointment process. First, a pulpit committee, even while seeking God's

will, remains aware of the congregation's needs.

Louis Cobbs, the FMB's personnel selection director, compares this to the "matching" part of the appointment procedure in which each qualified missionary candidate must fit a specific personnel request from overseas. This process of matching persons, qualified by gifts and preparation, to specific needs "becomes the crux of the matter," says Cobbs.

Second, a pulpit search committee involves group process—within the committee and then by the congregation. This is the "corporate Christian decision," says Cobbs, in which a larger Christian body must examine and confirm an individual's calling.

"The Foreign Mission Board by definition could only send a limited group of people," points out Jesse Fletcher, who preceded Cobbs as director for personnel selection. "They have to send the people that fit the profile best for the kind of service to be rendered." Fletcher, now president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and his wife sought missionary appointment but were turned aside on medical considerations.

Third, while most pastors will be called to more than one church in their ministry, the quest for missionary appointment usually is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Why are some not appointed?

—Some don't meet all the qualifications. These have been established over a long period and often reflect experience as well as cultural realities. Prominent among barriers is a medical or emotional problem.

—For some, no job request exists for their particular combination of gifts, training, and family situation.

—Sometimes mistakes occur. The Bible teaches mankind is sinful, human judgment is warped, points out Cobbs, so "no one person is right 100 percent of the time." That's why no one person at the board decides who is and who isn't appointed.

What becomes of the unappointed?

—Some seek an alternative route overseas, perhaps through another missions agency or as volunteers.

—Some keep the missions hope alive and reapply later, perhaps after a medical crisis has passed. One man, rejected earlier, acknowledges his 24 years of service in United States helped make his work as a missionary associate in South Africa more effective.

—Most redirect their ministry. Helen Falls recalls that the same mail bringing the negative news from the mission board brought an invitation to be WMU Young People's secretary in Maryland. She later spent 37 years as missions professor at New Orleans Seminary.

And Weatherford notes that during 26 years in WMU work "the Lord has let me be a part of the decision-making of dozens of women and men who in some way or another said, 'I'll go in your place.'"

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## Oral Roberts plans park

TULSA, Okla. (EP)—Oral Roberts plans to open a \$15 million Christian theme park in 1987. The 7-acre Healing Center will feature special effects recreations of miracles from the Bible, as well as scenes from Oral Roberts' life.

Exhibits are being designed by Peter Wolf Concepts of Dallas. During a Walk Through the Bible, tourists will see God's creation of the world, the parting of the Red Sea, and Moses receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. Wolf said the exhibits will create the illusion of real miracles.

Another exhibit, Journey into Faith, will portray the life and healing ministry of Oral Roberts. The development will also include a restaurant, gift shop, television studio, and marriage counseling center.

"It's not Six Flags Over Jesus," said Jan Dargatz, spokeswoman for Oral Roberts. "Providing people with fun is not our sole purpose . . . None of the figures will walk or move." Dargatz said there will be no rides or other carnival amusements.

Dargatz said that financial problems facing Oral Roberts' ministries were a motivation for building the Healing Center. Although Roberts raises \$60 million annually from 750,000 donors, revenues have been down. A steady flow of tourists to Healing Center would help finance Oral Roberts University and the City of Faith Hospital.

## It's never too late, even for a grandfather

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"God had been dealing with me since I got my associate degree but I kept putting off going back to college." Johnston found out from a pastor friend that Carey was working closely with the School of Christian Training at New Orleans Seminary and that Carey would be his fastest route to get his B.A.

Johnston enrolled at Carey last fall and was graduated this August. He said being back at college was not a big adjustment. "I can be a kid with the kids and an adult with the adults," he said, laughing.

**Paul Blange**

God's call to the ministry came to 35-year-old Paul Blange when he was 16, but he said he ran from the call until he was 29.

After graduating from high school, Blange served a three-year stint in the Army and was New Orleans police officer for more than four years. He was working as a pipefitter at a shipyard in New Orleans in 1980 when he stopped running from the call to preach. He sold his home, quit his job and entered the School of Christian Training at New Orleans Seminary.

In three years he completed his associate degree in pastoral ministries while working at a mission in New Orleans. After graduating, he and his wife, Josie, and their two children moved to Panama. Blange served for more than a year as pastor of Shagres River Baptist church in Gamboa. Most of the members were Americans working along the Panama Canal. As the United States began pulling out of the canal zone, membership dropped to four or five, Blange said.

One of the Baptist missionaries serving in Panama encouraged Blange to return to the states and finish work on his bachelor's degree.

Blange took the missionary's advice and was able to transfer many of his credits from New Orleans Seminary to Carey through the college's partnership with the School of Christian Training. He entered Carey last

January and plans to graduate next May.

"It's very difficult returning to college at this age," said Blange, who is serving as pastor of Leaf River Baptist Church near Collins. "Hindsight's 20-20. As I look back I wish I had done things a little differently. I can see times when the Lord was leading me to do certain things and instead of obeying I did my own thing.

"When I walk around campus and see all the young kids, children almost, it makes me wish I had finished college at an earlier age. But my motivation is different now. When I was younger and in college I just wanted to play. Now I have a completely different motivation. I can see the Lord working in my life. I've set some long-range goals that I feel are in the Lord's will. I want to return to seminary and get my master's degree and possibly my doctorate," said Blange, who wants to teach on the college or seminary level one day.

William Clawson, chairman of Carey's department of biblical studies and church vocations, says the older students have had a positive effect on the younger students.

"They have had a settling influence on the younger, more brusk students—those students who are the type that tend to jump into things without thinking," Clawson said. "The older students help the younger ones to realize there has to be reasoning behind every action."

## China tour set

LOS ANGELES—A special committee met during the 15th Baptist World Congress in Los Angeles to plan a friendship tour next year to the People's Republic of China.

The Baptist World Alliance will sponsor the tour, which is set for July 8-12, 1986 following the annual sessions of the BWA General Council in Singapore.

## Staff Changes

Ray Foster has resigned as pastor at Friendship (Lowndes). He will move to Atlanta, Ga.

R. L. Hunnicut is the new pastor of Bethesda (Oktibbeha).

Center Grove, Oktibbeha County, has called John Gainer as pastor.

Wayne Rutledge is the new pastor of Gershorm Church, Pontotoc County.

Jack Garnett has moved to north Alabama from the pastorate of Mars Hill Church, Winston County.

Robert Miles has resigned the pastorate of Wess Chapel (Winston) and is moving to Vicksburg to work in radio broadcast business.

Shady Grove (Lincoln) has called Helen Price as minister of youth and Carol Seale as minister of education.

Rocky Hill (Copiah) has called Doug Saxon as pastor.

County Line (Copiah) has called Carol Welch as minister of music.

Arlington Heights, Pascagoula, has called Warren Langworthy as interim pastor.

Dan Hembree has resigned as pastor of Kreole Avenue (Jackson County) to assume a teaching position in McLain.

Ridglea Heights, Jackson County, has called Bill Barton as interim pastor. The co-pastors, J. D. Lundy

and W. R. Wyser, have resigned, and the church is looking for a full-time pastor.

Southside Church, Jackson County, has called Clark McMurray as interim pastor.

Ray Brooks, pastor of First Indian Church, Pascagoula, has resigned and moved back to North Carolina. The church is a mission of First, Gautier.

Ralph Smith, Rt. 7, Laurel, has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Church, Rt. 2, Louin.

First, Lauderdale has called Mike Russell as pastor. He was ordained at Arkadelphia Church, Bailey, Sept. 15. Russell, his wife, and two daughters, Tina and April, reside at Bailey.

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## Jeremiah's prophecies against the nations

By J. Gerald Harris

Jeremiah 46:7-10a; 51:1-9a

The final seven chapters of Jeremiah contain a collection of his prophecies against foreign nations. Indeed, Jeremiah's first obligation was to his own people, but he was also called to be "a prophet unto the nations" (1:5). The specific texts given for our current study deal with Jeremiah's prophecies about Egypt and Babylon.

**I. Prophecies about Egypt** (46:7-10a) — Jeremiah declares that Egypt "riseth up like a flood" (v. 8). This is a reference to the militant march of Egypt's armies. They march from conquest to conquest and annex territory after territory. The analogy here is comparable to the analogy in Isaiah 8:7-8, where the destructive power of the Assyrian army is likened unto "the waters of the river, strong and many."

However, "Egypt (rising) up like a flood" not only speaks of her destruc-

tive power and military powers, but it speaks of her pride and pompous attitude. This same pride became the prelude to catastrophe. Indeed, "Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18).

Jeremiah, challenged by the haughty spirit of the Egyptians, enjoined them to rally their troops and enlist the aid of their allies for the impending battle. Yet, the prophet of God knew that the "day of vengeance" had come and that Egypt would be defeated ingloriously.

God used the Babylonians to crush the pride and aggressiveness of Egypt. In Egypt's defeat we see that the most formidable earthly foe is weaker than a puppy's whimper before our God of omnipotence. "There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against the Lord. The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord" (Prov. 21:30-31).

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**II. Prophecies about Babylon** (51:1-9a) — The last and most lengthy prophecy concerning the nations is the prophecy about Babylon. This is due to the tremendous influence of Babylon on the world of Jeremiah's day.

By the time Jeremiah issues this prophecy Babylon is the greatest nation in the world. When this was written, it appeared that Israel would fade into absolute oblivion and that Babylon's ascendancy would continue. God had quite different plans for both nations.

In the beginning of this chapter Jeremiah pronounces the Lord's judgment on Babylon. He declares that a "destroying wind" will blow through the land and sweep away the inhabitants of Babylon like chaff (v. 1-2).

He then declares that any attempts

at defensive warfare will be useless. The archer who bends his bow will do it in vain. The infantryman who puts on his "brigandine" (coat of armor) will find that it avails nothing (v. 3). No weapons of warfare can be employed to save the land when the Lord has designated it for destruction.

There is great comfort for the child of God in verse 5. Jeremiah declares that although Israel has been chastised and taken into captivity, she has "not been forsaken." David declared, "When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up" (Ps. 27:10).

The fact that God remembered the children of Israel when they were slaves in Egypt and when they were captives in Babylon assures us that he will not forget the sleeping saint hidden away in the rubbish of the earth at the time of the rapture. Indeed, "the dead in Christ shall rise first" and the Lord will complete the work of grace

which he has begun in every blood-bought child of God.

Notice that God gave the people of Judah and Israel the opportunity to escape the judgment of God that was about to be measured out to Babylon (v. 6). So it will be before the great tribulation. God will rescue (rapture) his people from the horrible judgment that shall befall this earth.

Babylon had been God's "golden cup," God's instrument of vengeance upon, the nations of the earth. But neither her majesty nor her power as God's instrument could spare her from destruction. If God brought great judgments upon those nations who had little opportunity to know him, how much more severe will be his judgments upon those who have great opportunities to know him and love him?

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## How the body of Christ grows

By Anthony S. Kay

Ephesians 4:1-16; Focus 4:1-7; 11-16

The lesson this week can best be viewed through the use of three words — unity, gifts, and maturity.

**Unity** — According to the words of the Master, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." That statement is very true in regards to the development of the local church. Paul admonishes the Ephesian Christians to maintain unity and harmony among the members. This is essential to growth.

Where there is discord, bickering and mistrust, the church suffers, the kingdom of God suffers, and ultimate-

ly the world suffers because of a discordant witness. How foolish and senseless it is for men to allow petty trivia to mar the fellowship and stunt the growth of the church.

I remember hearing W. A. Criswell tell about a split in a small church during his early ministry. The church had divided over the placement of a piano. It seems, according to the account, that some wanted it placed on the left side of the sanctuary and some wanted it to the right. Criswell was conversing with an elderly man and his sister years later about the matter. He asked, "On which side did you want the piano placed?" The old man paused, looked puzzled, and then

exclaimed to his sister, "Elvira, what side did we want that piano on?" If this sounds ridiculous, it is. But, it still reminds us of the many breaks in church fellowship that come about because of such foolishness. Let unity and harmony abound.

**Gifts** — The church is made up of individuals with varying gifts that God has given. God equips the church and each member to do the job he has called them to do. In his book, *The Greening of the Church*, Findley B. Edge, notes, "God has called his people, the laity, to be his basic ministers. However, he has called some for special ministry. He called (appointed) some to be apostles, some to

be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors — teachers. He called these for the purpose of equipping the laity for their ministry, and in this way the body of Christ is to be built up." The purpose of gifts is tied to the growth and development of the church.

**Maturity** — The goal of spiritual growth is mature manhood or to become a complete man. This is achieved as man lays hold of the riches available to him in Christ. Growth is the goal, but Paul wanted to stress that it be proper growth. To place it in the right perspective, our growth in maturity is supposed to be

"to the measures of the stature of the fulness of Christ." God makes available to us his grace and resources that will enable us to reach toward maturity.

One of the very unfortunate conditions that exists in the medical world is a condition whereby a person does not grow physically. While a child, I still remember seeing another child who had not grown. He was eight years old with the body of a baby. We have witnessed the reverse where bodies have matured physically but minds have failed to develop. Perhaps the saddest condition of all is the individual Christian who continues to remain a babe. God desires for all Christians to grow "unto the measure of the fulness of Christ." Growing Christians are maturing Christians and God wants us to grow.

The church united in purpose, using the gifts that the Holy Spirit provides, will develop in spiritual maturity. That is the kind of church God wants.

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## Self-giving love

By David W. Spencer

2 Corinthians 11:1-11

### I. The problem

Several problems had been introduced by travelling teachers from Judea who contradicted some of Paul's teachings and who even questioned his credentials as an apostle. The church was being torn up! They didn't know whom to believe anymore.

The problem in 11:1-11 as the false teachers saw it was that Paul was an "inferior apostle," not like those back in Judea, that he was a poor speaker, and that he had proven his inferiority and unworthiness by refusing to accept financial support from the Corinthian church. The problem as Paul saw it was that the Corinthians were being deceived by Satan!

### II. Paul's defense

The apostle begins (v. 1) his defense with an acknowledgement that the tactics of the false teachers work well in Corinth. Those teachers praised themselves and paraded their credentials. If the Corinthians let them get away with that, then surely they'll give Paul a hearing.

Paul explains his interest in the Corinthian church in verses 2-3. He is jealous for their welfare but his jealousy is not from selfish motives but the jealousy that comes from God who is jealous for his people. (See Ex. 20:5; 34:14; Deut. 4:24; 5:9; and 6:15.)

As the founder of the Corinthian church, Paul considers himself a spiritual father who has betrothed his daughter (the church) to Christ the bridegroom. In those days the father of the betrothed woman took the responsibility to see that she remained pure until the wedding day. Paul now sees that the "bride" is in danger of being seduced by Satan!

Satan's deception which was brought to Corinth by the false teachers consisted of three things (v. 4): another Jesus who requires legalism to appropriate salvation, a different Spirit (an energizing force that did not come from God), and a different gospel (not the true gospel of grace). Paul will not stand for it! Like a concerned father, he leaps between his daughter and the one who tries to seduce her!

Next (v. 5) Paul deals with the charges that he doesn't measure up to the "super apostles." These "super apostles" were either the false teachers themselves or more likely referred to some exalted view of the Twelve from whom these false teachers claimed authority. Paul never backs down. He does not consider himself inferior to the Twelve. (See 1 Cor. 9:1.) In verse 6 Paul deals with the charge that he is a poor speaker. While admitting he is no orator, Paul claims that what he does say is true knowledge!

It seems to have been an embarrassing problem for the false teachers that Paul had worked in Corinth without pay (7-11). He seems to have had a policy of refusing to accept money from those where he did pioneer missionary work. This quieted any speculation that he was "in it for the money." Paul's enemies, who all too gladly accepted financial help at Corinth, criticized Paul by saying he knew that he didn't deserve the money because he was not a "real apostle"

or that he didn't love the Corinthians enough to let them assist him. Paul said this was ridiculous and God knew his heart! By refusing to take money for his work in Corinth, Paul kept the upper hand over his opponents and kept the pressure on them. He hoped that sooner or later the Corinthians would wake up and see that those false teachers were only out for money.

### III. The contemporary issue

Few passages in 2 Corinthians speak more powerfully to our times. Many Christians are more willing to give their allegiance and their money to some fast-talking, eloquent outside teacher or TV minister than they are to the faithful, unselfish pastor or teacher who serves them faithfully through the years and who is always there when they need him.

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